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Balder Gave Us The Kiss

Legend Tells the Story of Son of Odin Who Instituted Mistletoe Kiss

A parasitic plant growing on trees, mistletoe never takes root in the ground. It is a "sucker root" which draws its nourishment from the branch on which it lives. It will sometimes kill the tree if its trailing branches spread to any great extent. It belongs to a genus of which there are about twenty species.

It is generally believed that the oak is its favorite host, but it is rarely found on this tree; in Britain it is found mostly on the apple. Birds eat the berries, and the seeds inside are surrounded by a sticky substance from which bird-lime is made.

In collecting berries, the birds get many on their feet and carry them from tree to tree; once established in an orchard, it is difficult to clear. It is easy to get the seeds to grow; they should be rubbed into a crevice on the underside of a branch.

The Celts held this plant in veneration,



especially if it was found on the oak, and it has played a prominent part in mythology. Among the gods of Norse mythology the most loved was Balder, son of Odin. Legend tells us how he spread sunshine and happiness wherever he went; grief fled before the brightness of his presence, he never knew what it was to be unhappy, and all showered presents upon him.

But at last the charm seemed broken, for he dreamed that a great disaster was to fall upon him, and the gods were grief-stricken at the expected calamity. His mother Frigg travelled the world asking all living things not to harm her son, and all willingly gave their promise. Happiness reigned again.

Legend of the Evil God

Balder led such a charmed life that no harm could befall him; on days of festival, a favorite pastime was to hurl missiles at this invulnerable hero, and all fell harmless at his feet.

But among the gods there lived a selfish being named Loki. He was fiercely jealous of the popularity of Balder and decided to put an end to his reign. He disguised himself, went to Balder's mother, and discovered that in her travels when she made supplication to all to spare her son, there was one tiny plant, growing on oak trees on the distant mountains, that she had failed to visit.

Loki collected the oldest and toughest sprigs of mistletoe. With these he made a powerful spear-shaft, and on his return searched out Hader, a blind god. By strategy, Loki induced Hader to throw the shaft. It pierced Balder's heart and his spirit travelled to the underworld.

There were great lamentations, and all the gods pleaded with the ruler of the underworld to release Balder. At last he consented on condition that every creature would weep for his return. The whole population of the world started to weep with the exception of Loki.

Some Norse legends tell us that Balder lives to this day in the underworld, but in others there is a happier ending, for Balder was restored to life and he gave the mistletoe to the goddess of love to keep. Everyone passing under it received a kiss.

CAROL SINGERS

Carol singers were originally the watchmen employed long ago by the city companies. The watchmen were in those days called "waits"—and that is why we sometimes call carol singers waits-to-day.



Christmas in England Was Once Forbidden, But It Has Survived Along With Customs

Quaint Old-time Celebrations And Ideas Still Hold Good In Rural Britain

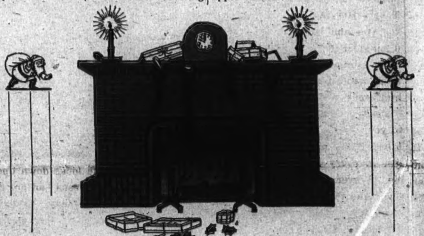
PARLIAMENT once banned Christmas for sixteen years! Three centuries ago the Puritans decided it was "superstitious," and resolved to have nothing to do with it. In 1644 the Lords and Commons accordingly ordered "so-called Christmas Day" to be kept as a fast instead of a feast. But it survived and many of its quaint, traditional customs have lasted into our own day.

Mari Llyed, or Holy Mary, for instance, is still practiced in some Welsh villages. A party of villagers, chosen for their quick wit and aptitude at rhyming, dress up as mummings, the leader covering

cellar on Christmas Eve, someone in the house would die before next Christmas! The West Country has been rich in ancient customs. One of the most picturesque was that of visiting the principal orchards on Christmas Eve, saluting a chosen tree with an incantation, then sprinkling it with cider or dashing a bowl or jug of it against the trunk. This was to ensure plentiful bearing in the ensuing year. At Warleggan the trees were hailed with:

Here's to thee, old apple tree!
Hats full, packs full!
Hurrah! And fire off the gun!

Sugar cakes were often laid on the branches to propitiate the spirit of the apple harvest.



himself in a long white sheet and horse's head adorned with colored ribbons.

Round the village they go from door to door—these have been shut and barred to them—begging for permission to sing, telling of cold, hard winter days, and asking for food and drink. Those inside lament in turn that they are poor and have little to spare, and this leads to a merry contest in singing and rhyming, each party capping the other.

This may continue for half an hour until those inside fail to find a rhyming reply; then the door is opened and the revellers are welcomed inside.

In the old days in Wales, when the festive Christmas company gathered round the flaming Yule log, you looked furtively at the shadows of your friends flung on the wall. If the shadow appeared headless its owner would die within a year. If a hoop fell off the cask of cider in the

Wassailing, a custom of Scandinavian origin, is still observed by shepherds and farm laborers in some parts of the North of England. They go from door to door singing quaint rhymes and carrying "mazers" or wooden bowls decked with evergreens and ribbons for offerings. Some of these mazers, curiously carved, have been handed down from father to son for generations and date from the reign of Charles I.

There are still people in remote parts of Ireland who believe that on Christmas Eve Judas Iscariot is allowed to re-visit the earth, and anyone who looks into a mirror that night will see either Judas or the devil peering over his shoulder.

Another Irish superstition is that on Christmas Eve the Holy Child is out alone in the dark and cold. To light him on his way, candles are placed in the windows.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS!

The Star still shines, as on that night divine,
And happy children sing their carols sweet;
The tall Cathedral candles softly gleam,
And we still worship at the Christ-Child's feet.

Through misty light and wreaths of evergreen,
Trees trimmed with tinsel, silver, gold, and red,
All I can see is Mary's flower-white face
And on her breast a tiny baby head.
—Dorothy Sproule.

Ghostly Pealing Bells

From Submerged Steeples and Buried Chapels Arise Legends Of Christmas Chimes

NEAR the English town of Raleigh, in Nottinghamshire, is a valley in which, according to tradition, an entire village lies buried.

Centuries ago it was swallowed up by an earthquake, and with it a magnificent old Saxon church, whose wonderful peal of bells had long been famous all over the countryside.

Every Christmas morning people would gather from far and wide to hear these celebrated chimes, writes M. L. Scollard, and after their disappearance, so tradition tells us, the bells still continued their ancient custom, and could be heard from beneath the ground, ringing their Christmas greeting. Less than a century ago, we hear of parents telling their children to go to the valley on Christmas morning, and place their ears to the ground, so that they could hear the merry chimes of these long lost bells.

In the old Yorkshire fishing town of Whitby a similar legend is told. It is said that some Danish pirates stole the bells from the old abbey of St. Hilda, intending to carry them away to Denmark, but their evil designs were frustrated, for the ship broke to pieces almost immediately on the Yorkshire rocks, and the entire crew were drowned.

The bells disappeared under the waves, but every Christmas morning they say their tribute to the Great Birthday, and can be heard ringing their old triumphant peals far down under the water.

In several coast towns we hear of this ancient tradition that lost church bells ring again. All down the East Coast, especially, where the encroaching waves have wiped out so many old villages and hamlets, the inhabitants declare that on Christmas morning they can hear distinctly the chimes from countless sunken steeples.

Below the Waves

During the 16th Century, when the monasteries were dissolved by order of Henry the Eighth, a shipload of bells were sent abroad to be sold and melted down. Here again the vessel was dogged by disaster. It foundered mysteriously just outside Yarmouth, with all hands on board, and the bells were lost in the sea, but to this day the Yarmouth fishermen pause on their oars on Christmas morning, and listen to the muffled peals from under the water mingling with the louder chimes of the parish church.

The submerged land of Llynosec, off the coast of Cornwall, was once a flourishing district, thickly populated with people. The Saxon chronicles tell us that in 1099 the sea overflowed the land, and swallowed it up completely, including its one hundred and forty churches. All through the centuries these church bells were said to ring again at Christmas time, and the Cornish peasantry used to go out in boats on Christmas morning to listen for these ghummy chimes booming beneath the murmuring sea.

Another legend of phantom Christmas



bells comes from the Lancashire coast, where a little Saxon chapel, said to have been built by King Arthur, disappeared wholesale into the sea during a tremendous storm, but every Christmas morning the chapel bells can be heard ringing out their old Saxon tunes to herald the Great Birthday.

In Cumberland there is also a weird legend of a strange, low curfew bell which rings out mysteriously far out at sea every Christmas Eve.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Messages of Goodwill from Ministers and Clergy in the Past

Salvation Army

CHRISTMAS, 1938

IT IS my pleasure and privilege, through the kindness of the editor, to wish all our friends and supporters a happy and enjoyable Christmas. This I do with all my heart, for there is not a home but what I shall be the happier to know that Christmas has been to it a time of sincere joy and blessing.

Perhaps at no more appropriate time of the year could I say "Thank You" for the support you have given to the Salvation Army. And I know that your help has been the interpretation of your confidence. It has, indeed, been a great joy and satisfaction, since coming into The Pass, to find the people so charitable toward our work. By this I do not mean the material assistance rendered, but rather your confidence in us, your reliance and kindness. For all these manifestations I thank our Heavenly Father, and daily pray that the work of all Christian friends shall be rightly interpreted in the eyes of those who do not trust the saving grace of our Saviour, or yet do not understand the pure motive of true Christian endeavor.

To our friends of the B.E.S.L., I express sincere thanks for your unwavering support of our cause. You have more than recompensed us for our work of love and mercy in Flanders Fields, and still you cheerfully continue to support the work of the Salvation Army. Be assured, gentlemen, that your comrade soldier in the orient will be met tonight with that helping hand and cup of coffee that means so much.

Mrs. Hewitt joins me in wishing all our friends "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

CAPT. F. HEWITT,
Salvation Army,
Coleman, Alberta.

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THE entire world will soon be celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Redeemer, and King, on Christmas Day. Over two thousand years ago, the whole earth rejoiced with exceeding joy over the announcement of the angels that the Christ child had been born. Today, all that world knows of joy, happiness and contentment is because of His birth in Bethlehem. The cradle of the Christ child and Christmas are eternally associated together, as they can never be separated. We are indeed privileged that we are to hear that glad story of the Babe in Bethlehem once again. Our hearts shall be strangely warmed as we attempt to depict the scenes of that first Christmas morn. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins," Matthew 1:21. That was His primary purpose for coming into the world. It was why He lived, and died, and rose again—to save you and me from our sins. He came into this black world as a shining light, to give us that light (those who accept of His mercy and grace) to bear for Him midst this day of darkness (spiritual), sorrow, pain and death. Somehow in this generation, we are seemingly so busy celebrating Christmas with no time for the Christ. Yes, plenty of time for exchanging gifts, for parties, concerts, celebrations; yet not time for thought to manifest our appreciation and gratefulness to Him. Too many people celebrate Christmas as a time of frolic and fun, giving and getting, with no thought of Him whose birth we commemorate. May we not make room in our hearts for this special Christmas season for this Christ child to enter in. We must, of course, be empty of all selfishness and sin, and prepare a clean temple that He may dwell therein. May our souls find rest, peace, happiness and abiding joy in the glorious love of Christ.

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C. HELEN MOOSHIAN,
Church of the Nazarene,
Coleman, Alberta.

Use any small tree in the back yard, not necessarily an evergreen. Hang bits of bread, suet, nuts and seeds in its branches. It is good fun to watch the birds Christmas morning enjoying their presents and twittering their thanks.



Regular Baptists - Blaimore Church

FROM THE MANGER TO THE THRONE

Dear Friends:

I AM GLAD of the privilege again afforded me in sending a letter to you via The Enterprise. I am very grateful and appreciative for this extended kindness. I sincerely trust that this short message will not only be of blessing to you, but that it will exalt our risen Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many at this season of the year are thinking of the Saviour as the Babe in the Manger. You read of His birth in the gospels. But let us look back, further. All through the Old Testament we have His coming foreshadowed, e.g., Isa. 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." This was prophesied many centuries before Christ was born. Why did He come to the earth as the Babe in the manger? He came in humiliation, in flesh and blood. Why? So He could get in contact with men.

It is nice to think of Him as the Babe in a lovely manger bed, but it is far better to think of the real reason of His coming. In such lovely birth, the reason was that He might know the temptations and feelings of men, and then to lay down His life for them in order that they might be saved. From eternal damnation. If you only think of His coming as the Babe, you might be in despair, for where would salvation come from? We read in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Dear reader, are you worshipping the Babe of the manger or the Christ of the cross? It is true, if He had not come as the Babe in the manger we would not have the Christ of the cross. The One who suffered such a cruel death that you and I might be saved. In I. John 2:1-2, we read: "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; And He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but for the sins of the whole world." This is the reason for His coming into the world in such humiliation; such lowly birth, to die, the Just One for the unjust.

If you want to think of His coming as the Babe, think also of the other three stages in His life: First, He came as the Babe in the manger; second, He laid down His life on the cross; third, He is at the right hand of the throne of His Father, interceding for each one who puts His trust in Him; fourth, His coming back to this earth to claim His own—those who are born again, saved by the grace of God. Eph. 2:8: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

It is the cross that really stands out in these four stages. It was there that Christ made Peace for us through His own blood, Col. 1:20. In the gospels we read: "Glory to God in the Highest; and on earth Peace." Peace! What a word amidst a world of mankind which continues to leave the God of heaven aside. Yet, God has never been angry with this world, but has ever been trying to love it back to Himself. The just consequences of man's sin in trampling beneath his feet God's most holy and respectable law could only be hopeless mis-

ery and endless death, and the message of that Christmas carol meant that God in His infinite love had prepared a way for every wandering child to come back to his Father's heart and home, and to find the peace that can only come out of right relationship with the God and Father of us all, i.e., by receiving the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour.

But, my friends, the world has been crying "Peace, peace," where there is no peace. Philosophize about it as you will, you cannot deceive yourself into a peace which, when you are alone with yourself and God, you know you do not have. Wealth can't buy it. Fame can't bring it. Pleasure can't produce it. It can only be obtained by accepting the Christ of the cross as your Saviour. He, and He only can bring peace to a troubled world and troubled hearts.

Men often put a false label on something else and call it peace, but the peace that Christ gives is His own. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you," He says. That's His last will and testament for you and me. I have heard of a distinguished lawyer who says that he can break any will that has ever been made, but I would like to see him break this one.

Dear friends, He offers this peace to you. Here is a peace that satisfies. I have tried it, and it has stood the test in every danger, in every trouble, in every anxiety, in every sorrow. And this Christmas time I commend it to you; pure, deep, inward, abundant, always abiding peace so that you can say:

"When peace like a river attendeth my way,
And sorrows like sea-billsows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul."

The man who does not know Christ is poor indeed. If there is anything the soul of man needs it is peace. All nature is utterly helpless to give it. The only way to obtain it is to become acquainted with the Christ of the cross, through repentance and faith, surrendering your life and being obedient. This is Peace—this is Life. There is one thing that God really desires, and that is the salvation of men and women (II. Pet. 3:9: "Not willing that any should perish,"), and that they might have the assurance of this salvation in their hearts (I. John 5:13: "that ye know that ye have eternal life").

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, merry with every good thing that God can give; merry with good health and gospel gladness; merry with peace of Christ that passeth all understanding; merry with the hope of Heaven and the assurance of your sins forgiven.

I am, yours, sincerely,
J. W. MACDONALD,
Pastor Regular Baptist Church,

Central United

"IF I HAD NOT COME"

Dear Friends:

IT WAS Jesus who said: "If I had not come." Did you ever sit down to think what it would have meant to the world if Jesus had not come? If there were no Christmas in the year? Have you ever stopped to think what a difference that would have made? "If I had not come." Can we conjure up the meaning of that possibility for our world?

There is no book like the Bible for counsel or for comfort. But, suppose, when men took up their Bibles, there was no story of Jesus in it. The story of the shepherds, the sermon on the mount, the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter of St. John, the cross and Easter morning—all gone! What would there be left?

Then, whole volumes have been written upon what Jesus has done for art. Wherever the story of Jesus has ruled, men have loved art and music. But, suppose the story had never touched the mind and imagination of the world. Suppose that all music inspired by Him were silenced, and all great paintings faded out of sight. Suppose there were no Madonnas, no pictures of Christ blessing the little children, nor of the Good Shepherd seeking on desolate mountains the lost sheep, nor of Jesus the Light of the World, nor of the Last Supper, nor of the Cross. Suppose Jesus had never been born—the story of Bethlehem only a dream and a delusion—what an empty world that would be.

What a difference it would make in the life of children if there were no Christmas. Christmas is children's day; but there were no "children's days" in the world before Jesus came.

There is a touching picture, a masterpiece, called "The Doctor." You note the strong sympathetic face of the Doctor as he looks down upon a sick child. But if Jesus had not come the picture would never have been painted—no such picture hung on the wall of any Roman hall when St. Paul walked these streets. "The Doctor," as Robert Louis Stevenson used to say, "is the flower of our Christian civilization." You will only find doctors and nurses and hospitals, as we understand these terms, where you find a people touched by the tenderness of pity of the Christ. A world without Christmas would be a world without hospitals.

But worse, still; a world without Christmas would be a world without hope. There are two great days in the Christian calendar—Christmas and Easter—and the message of both is a message of hope. Easter teaches us to hope for the life to come; Christmas teaches us to hope for the life that now is. Without Christmas there is no Easter; no sure hope for the life that is to come. If

St. Luke's-St. Alban's

CHRIST IS KING

St. Luke 2:10-14.

AND the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Sing today the song of new hope for this discouraged earth. "Christ is King!"

Everybody was busy with Christmas shopping, but many paused to look at a crippled newboy who had decorated his crutches with evergreens. The angel said, "Be not afraid." The Kingship of Christ means gladness for the handicapped, joy for the overburdened, gaiety for the oppressed. We can have joy when we remember the glory of God, and how He glorifies us. Even our crutches!

Star of the East! Show us the way To wisdom undefiled;
To seek that manger out and lay Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Rev. J. R. HAGUE,
St. Luke's and St. Alban's Anglican Churches, Blaimore and Coleman, Christmas, 1938.

Christ is not with us amid the confused alarms and struggles of our present day, then our world is doomed. It is Christ or chaos for this world of men.

But, thank God that Christ has come. The Eternal Son of God came down at Christmas. We thank God that Christ was born for our salvation; that in spite of pain and loneliness and sorrow and sin, we may still rejoice, for the Redeemer has come. His name is Emmanuel—God with us! There comes to us again at this time the assurance that this old world, in spite of sorrows and strifes and alarms, is bound by gold chains about the Throne of God.

E. B. ARROL, B.A.,
Pastor, Central United Church,
Blaimore, Alberta.

DURING THE YEAR the days and months slip by in busy fashion. We "think" our thanks but do not always find time to express them. But when Christmas comes, what a pleasure it is to gather all these friendly unsaid sentiments and to compress them into our sincere greetings: "Merry Christmas!"

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alas, to how many little children and fathers and mothers in this sad war-torn world the new Christmas will dawn bringing sorrow and not joy. To cheer even one of these according as we are blessed will assure us anew that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Born, at St. Eugene hospital, Cranbrook, on Friday, December 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Zilli, a daughter.

A Pass guy, remarked at a theatre door the other night: "If it wasn't for me you'd be the biggest fool in the show business."

Miracles and
the Christ Child

By Katherine Edelman

Indian Brave, Guided by Great Spirit, Reveals Story of Christmas

IN THE far-flung land of the west the early winter had been unusually mild and although it was near Christmas, now the weather was bright and clear, almost spring-like in its mildness.

Everywhere that the message of the Christ Child had reached, men and women were busy and happy preparing for the great day, a new and added joy of life surging within their hearts. Into each home there had come a strengthening and rekindling of family ties and a new birth of love and service that reached out even beyond the home.

Out on the reservation, however, the Indians went about their tasks as usual, for no hint of the wonder and the glory of the Christmas had yet come to them. And if they felt a mysterious something in the air at this time, they understood it not at all, for the brightness from the Star of Bethlehem had not yet burst upon them.

Moonlight Brook was very lonely—she had only little Silver Star, her daughter, with her now—the big chief had sent Strong Oak, her husband, with other braves, on a mission to a distant village. And Moonlight Brook had missed him every hour, for their love was still burning as bright as the big camp fire that blazed near the teepees at dusk.

Her love of the great open spaces helped to cheer her during the long hours of his absence. Every day with little Silver Star she wandered afar. In these lonely places that she went there always came to her the sense of some unknown presence—the hand of some great power.

Early one morning Moonlight Brook called little Silver Star to her and told her that they would go for a long walk, away up to Roaring Creek. Moonlight Brook was lost in wonder at the beauty of the scene, but a great and sudden change had come over the day. Now, looking at the lowering, threatening sky, she decided that she must make it possible to leave her to the village. "Fog with the darkness and the gloom that had come over all there had come, too, from across the prairie a low moaning wind that carried with it at times, small, dry snowflakes.

With Silver Star in her arms Moonlight Brook started in the direction of the village, walking with the swift, strong stride of the woman who lives much in the open. The snow now was coming down in large flakes and the wind had grown blizzard-like in its velocity. Hope was fast dying within her, for she was trembling from exhaustion. Then an overwrought nature did the thing which she had tried hard to keep from happening—she sank upon the snow—her last thought as she felt consciousness leaving her, to wrap the blanket closer about little Silver Star and to wait a prayer to the Great Spirit to take care of Strong Oak when she was gone.

But the prairie has many stories to tell of strange things that have happened there, and on this day there was added to the list another of those coincidences which happen often in real life than some would have us believe. For Strong Oak and his party came by the very spot where Moonlight Brook and Silver Star lay a short time after they had sunk exhausted. Some of the men had tried to take the other trail, but something within him, that strange, unknown force which comes to all at times, made him choose the Roaring Creek trail instead and he found his loved ones and with the help of the guides they reached the village in safety.

A few hours later, Moonlight Brook and Strong Oak sat hand in hand, the restless happiness of being reunited surging within them. Moonlight Brook whispered over and over that it was a miracle that the Great Spirit had brought that Strong Oak should have found her. And Strong Oak told her that while he had been gone he had heard the story of the Christ Child who had come upon earth on this day, which ever since has been called Christmas. As Moonlight Brook listened to the beautiful story that has been told so much, but which keeps its thrill through the ages, she felt that this day was indeed a day of miracles, for, like her bruised brave, the story brought her a wonderful peace and stilled the restless longing which had come to her so often in the past.

His Christmas
Spent at Club

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

Lonesome Rich Man Finds Happiness in Playing Santa Claus

ALICE WAS SITTING alone in his fashionable club. It was quite deserted. It had been for some days now. Everyone seemed to have other things to do than to come to the club. They had talked, a number of them, the last time many had been there, of the busy days ahead, shopping, wrapping up Christmas parcels, helping their wives or their daughters on the grand children in the gay plans for Christmas.

Only he had no plans to make. He gave his employees, and a number of others with whom he came in contact, money at Christmas time. That fulfilled his Christmas demands.

Other years he hadn't felt it so much as this year. This year the loneliness seemed lonelier than ever before. His solitary condition added to him.

Now, he would go back to his suite. He would leave the club. Perhaps, in his own books, his own things he would not feel so

lonely. He would not dine at the club; he would have some cheese and crackers and coffee at home. His excellent valet could always prepare a little supper for him.

Outside of the club his chauffeur and car were waiting. He got in and sat down on the soft, luxuriously upholstered cushions, and the chauffeur closed the door, shutting out the clear, cold Christmas time air and the noise of the streets—the noise of many voices of many people going shopping, with the higher voices of children rising every once in awhile above the din.

His soul seemed to ache. He was "lone." Rich, comfortable, luxurious, alone! No one wanted him, needed him, cared for him. He had everything which money could buy; he had enough money to buy everything he wanted.

No, not everything! He wanted love and affection. He wanted to be a part of all this going on outside the luxurious confinement of his car and that he couldn't buy. Mix with the crowd? No, he could do that, but not as one of them. Only as a lonely man, who had a fat bank account which didn't help in the slightest.

And yet couldn't it help? Suddenly he had an inspiration. He called through the speaking tube to his chauffeur. "I think," he said, "I will get out here and walk the rest of the way home."

The chauffeur was surprised, but he was too well-trained to show surprise.

He got out before a large store where in the window was a decorated Christmas tree. He went inside the store. No longer did he feel so lonely. He too, had a purpose in mind. He was a part of all of this now.

Tinsel, candles, red colored paper, ribbons, small toys, decorations, oh, how much he bought. His arms were filled with bundles just as were the arms of others. It was such fun to carry bundles, too. He had never known before the joy of overcrowded arms.

Home he went, carrying his beloved purchases with him. And then he summoned the janitor to his lonely suite, which now seemed filled with the Christmas cheer. He talked it all over with him, the plans for the tree, for his own Santa Claus suit.

He had given the janitor money before, of course. This time he would take part in the Christmas of the children of the janitor.

Christmas morning came. Never had he arisen so early on a Christmas morning. Dressed himself carefully, he went downstairs. He had worked until late the night before, decorating the tree, but he was not tired.

Suddenly there was a cry, a cry of joy such as he had never heard.

"Why, there's Santa Claus! Dear, dear Santa Claus!"

The janitor's children had always been afraid of him, but not so of Santa Claus! He undid his pack, he took gifts off the tree, and the children climbed over him, kissed him, hugged him, loved him. With what a splendid gusto they loved him!

And the children begged Santa Claus to stay for dinner. Curious thing for him to be doing! But he stayed, and for the first time, almost since he had been a child himself, he had a Christmas, a real Christmas, a Christmas filled with love which had driven the loneliness out!

WHEN HE WAS A BOY

What a big-hearted fellow old Santa Claus is. He must have been a

ORIGIN OF "SILENT NIGHT"

The breakdown of an organ in a tiny church at Oberdorf, Germany, on Christmas eve of 1818 led directly to the composition of the classic religious song, "Silent Night" (Hellige Nacht). Special music for the church's Christmas festival had been prepared, but when the organ broke down, it was out of the question. Only a guitar was available as an instrument. So the assistant pastor dashed off a poem, went to the organist's home and asked him if he couldn't arrange a simple melody for two solo voices and a chorus to sing the poem to a guitar accompaniment. The or-

ganist said he'd try—and then and there jotted down the music. The next morning at the little church, the greatest of all Yuletide songs was sung for the first time.—Neal O'Hara.

Sincere Greetings
To All Patrons

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BELLEVUE ALBERTA

Each Day Reminds us that to you belongs the
Thanks for our Merry Christmas

QUALITY MEAT MARKET
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There are No Degrees of Friendship—
We Extend to All the
Compliments of the Festive Season

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With Hearty Good Wishes for The Yuletide
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Again we thank our many Customers in the
Crow's Nest Pass for Patronage during
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Compliments of the Season.

Excel Builders' Supply Company
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Your New Year be Brighter
and this Christmas a Cheery one

International Coal & Coke
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COLEMAN ALBERTA

Hillcrest United Church

THIS CHRISTMASIDE
BECAUSE of a world-war averted for a time at least, gratitude fills our hearts as we draw near the day dedicated to the Prince of Peace.

Two things, among others, that day ever brings in its train: a benediction upon "men of good will," and a challenge to the men of strife.

These latter are finding it more and more difficult to justify themselves before the bar of world opinion, and less easy to ignore its judgments.

This Christmaside we again remind ourselves and others, that the dream of world-wide peace, security and goodwill, which has haunted the mind of humanity throughout the ages, had attention focused upon it as never before at the birth of Christ.

More than that, it then ceased to be a dream and became a programme. Christ's labors inaugurated it. His life exemplified it. His teachings perpetuated it. His counsel advocates it.

We are persuaded, with Carlyle, that every failure "to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God," whether by nation or individual, only makes more desirable, and therefore hastens, the day when Christ's teachings will triumph and His principles mould life.

Despite present conditions, we live in the faith that the kindness and the joy of our Christmas seasons are simply a foretaste of what are yet to be the normal relationships of men everywhere.

Once more I wish to all a joyous Christmas and a truly prosperous New Year.

Most sincerely yours,
JOHN WOOD.

The Manse, Hillcrest, Alta.

Alberta sugar factories completed their 1938 season activities this week, with the longest run in their history.

A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year To Our Host of Readers

THE BLAIRMORE ENTERPRISE

Best Wishes for the Christmas Season and the
New Year to the Newspapers and Citizens
of the Crow's Nest Pass

THE LETHBRIDGE HERALD

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the General Publicity Department of the Canadian National Railways to editors and staffs of the weekly newspaper field in Western Canada are extended most sincere Yuletide greetings and best wishes for the year to come. May 1939 bring to all of you an overflowing measure of good luck, good health, prosperity.

Bruce Boreham, Publicity Representative,
Western Region,
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

DEATH OF MRS. S. TURNER

There passed away at the local hospital on Monday morning, after a lengthy illness, Mary Ann, beloved wife of Mr. Samuel Turner, in her seventieth year.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner have been long-time residents of Blairmore, and can be considered among the early pioneers, having come out some twenty-eight to thirty years ago from Cape Breton. Here they raised their family, all of whom passed through our local school. Surviving are her husband; two sons, William H. and James; of Blairmore; four daughters, Margaret (Mrs. Thorpe), at home; Grace (Mrs. James Lote), of Cowley; Lillian (Mrs. Floyd Smith), of Beaver Mines, and Beatrice (Mrs. Earl Campbell), of Coaldale. All were present at the funeral, which took place Wednesday afternoon from the Crow's Nest Funeral Home to the Central United church, where service was conducted by Rev. E. B. Arrol, B.A. The remains were followed by a large concourse of citizens to the Union cemetery, where interment took place.

The Enterprise joins in sympathy with the bereaved.

THE ROYAL VISIT

There is reason to believe that the premier regrets the closing of Government House this year in view of the visit of Their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, and shares the chagrin and humiliation of the majority of the citizens of Alberta over such an act of petty revenge against His Majesty's representative in Alberta. — Aberhartian in Canadian Business.

In 1930, law expenses cost the two major Canadian railways \$830,168, of which \$565,227 was paid by the Canadian National and \$273,941 by the Canadian Pacific.



RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT

Former Prime Minister of Canada, who plans to bid Calgary and Canada farewell in January to take up residence in England.

NEW MINE AGREEMENT VOTED ON FAVORABLY

Calgary, Dec. 20.—Officials of the United Mine Workers of America, District 18, report that the proposed new agreement between the Union and the Western Canada Bituminous Coal Operators' Association was overwhelmingly endorsed by steam coal miners on Monday.

Results of voting in eleven centres in southern Alberta and southeastern British Columbia resulted in 1,777 ballots for the agreement and 295 against.

The proposed agreement, drawn up at a conference of union and operators recently, is retroactive to November 2nd, and gives approximately 2,500 men wage increases of seven to ten percent.

Hitler is said to be tottering in his high pedestal—riding for a fall, with his latest drive, the attack on the Jews. It is said that the people, generally, are secretly setting up opposition to Nazism in holding of quiet meetings under the guise of business in many forms. By the anti-Jewish campaign, it is hoped to keep down any secret plans for revolution or overthrow of Hitler domination. There is a feeling that the German people do not want war, and should England or France have to take steps to suppress Hitler's foreign aggression, there will be sympathy towards the two Democracies. It looks as though Hitler's anti-religious policy is getting him nowhere and the "cultured" people will be obliged to turn the tables on Der Fuehrer and his Storm Troopers.—Ex.

The national customs' superintendent at Winnipeg announces that an unusual item for the Christmas trade was a shipment of cut flowers which arrived in the Manitoba centre from the Union of South Africa. The flowers were in good condition when unpacked, after travelling over 10,000 miles. The name of the plant is "Chinchinchee," and is the native way of describing the sound of the stalks of the plant rubbing together. It is botanically known as "Ornithogalum," but the people of South Africa refer to it as "South African Wonder Flower." These cut flowers will stay fresh from six to thirteen weeks, if the ends of the stems are clipped periodically, and they will continue to bloom during that time. The flowers are dainty clusters of waxy white on sturdy stems, with buds and full bloom on each stem.

Bob Harmer, who is attending the University of Alberta, arrived home on the early Thursday morning train, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

With only three teams participating—Coleman, Blairmore, Hillcrest—the following schedule for the Crow's Nest Pass intermediate hockey league has been approved:

Dec. 26—Coleman at Hillcrest.
Dec. 28—Hillcrest at Blairmore.
Jan. 2—Coleman at Hillcrest.
Jan. 4—Hillcrest at Coleman.
Jan. 8—Blairmore at Hillcrest.
Jan. 11—Blairmore at Coleman.
Jan. 15—Hillcrest at Blairmore.
Jan. 15—Hillcrest at Coleman.
Jan. 17—Coleman at Blairmore.
Jan. 20—Blairmore at Coleman.
Jan. 22—Blairmore at Hillcrest.
Jan. 24—Coleman at Blairmore.
Jan. 27—Hillcrest at Coleman.
Jan. 29—Blairmore at Hillcrest.
Jan. 31—Hillcrest at Blairmore.
Feb. 2—Coleman at Blairmore.
Feb. 3—Coleman at Hillcrest.
Feb. 5—Blairmore at Coleman.
Highest team in the league standing at close of schedule will represent the league in provincial Black Cup series, with the second and third place teams playing off in home-and-home, total-goal series for right to play in Stanley Cup series.

C.N.P. JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Dec. 26—Coleman at Fernie.
Dec. 29—Blairmore at Hillcrest.
Jan. 2—Blairmore at Fernie.
Jan. 2—Natal at Coleman.
Jan. 6—Hillcrest at Blairmore.
Jan. 8—Blairmore at Coleman.
Jan. 8—Fernie at Natal.
Jan. 10—Hillcrest at Fernie.
Jan. 10—Natal at Blairmore.
Jan. 15—Coleman at Hillcrest.
Jan. 15—Blairmore at Natal.
Jan. 18—Natal at Fernie.
Jan. 19—Coleman at Blairmore.
Jan. 22—Coleman at Natal.
Jan. 25—Fernie at Coleman.
Jan. 28—Hillcrest at Coleman.
Feb. 5—Fernie at Hillcrest.

Three games have been played. Hillcrest at Natal, Natal at Hillcrest, and Fernie at Blairmore.

Cut these hockey schedules out for future reference.

Popularity Contest awards have been made by Toothills (Canada) Limited for the best selling Christmas cards in the 1938 samples. The choice of cards were numbers 201, 299 and 335. Four major prizes were awarded as follows: first, Miss M. Fleming, \$15; second, Camduff Drug Store, \$10; third, A. H. Tilley, \$7.50; fourth, G. Johnson, \$5. Twenty others were awarded prizes of merchandise.

A young Indian maid from Sarcee. Once said to a handsome young Cree. If you kiss me, of course, You'll have to use force, Thank God, you're stronger than me.

THE PASS ENLIGHTEN YEARS AGO (The Blairmore Enterprise 1920)

May 27.—The town council arrived at terms with the West Canadian Collieries for electric current supply at an increase of 1½ cents per kilowatt hour—11½ cents. The increase was made necessary through recent increase in wages to miners.

Miss "Bunny" Manky, daughter of Lloyd A. Manky, one-time owner of the Grand Union hotel at Coleman, has become an actress.

Among those perfect in attendance at the Blairmore school last month were George Brown, Bruno Rinaldi, Joe Pozzi, Laura Cecconi, Elizabeth Christophers, Olive Young, Lillian McDonald, Irma Aschacher, Maggie Patterson, Agnes Kemp, Colin MacDonald, Charlie Drain, Dolly Evans, Veri Link, Jim Patterson, Havery Jarvis, Bessie Hamilton, Peter Farmer, John Harmer, Walter Tiberg, Julia Johnson, James Stewart, Lena Fraser, Doris Drain, Margaret McDonald, Nina Passmore, Irene Sartoris, Vera Brown, Ruby Howe, Mabel Thompson, Irene Chappell, Reggie Evans, Duncan Hamilton, James Lloyd, Hughie Robbins, Gwen Dawson and Stanley McPhail.

Vice-President D. C. Coleman, of the C.P.R., passed east through Blairmore by special train on Sunday last. He had been on an inspection trip over the Kettle Valley line.

June 3.—At a meeting of the school board this week, a proposition was advanced by the coal company to furnish site and erect a school building in West Blairmore. They would also pay all expenses, such as teachers' salaries, janitor, fuel, light, water, etc., for at least two years, and a liberal portion of the cost thereafter. At this same meeting, J. B. Harmer was appointed trustee officer to succeed J. M. Carter, resigned.

All streams in this district have been closed to fishing except the North Fork river and the Castle and Caribou rivers inside the forest reserve.

James Lobe has resigned his position with the P. M. Thompson Co. to take a new position at Fernie.

The marriage of Mr. Norman E. MacAuley, of Calgary, to Miss A. Beck, of Coleman, took place at Coleman on Monday.

June 10.—Frank Wright, our town secretary-treasurer, has invented a burglar-proof hinge.

Mrs. Iama Peach and Mrs. Uara Nother went up in the air with Jack Palmer and Harry Fitzsimmons at Lethbridge this week. The date of their return to earth was not announced.

Miss Ola McLaren was awarded a gold medal for proficiency in commercial work at Mount Royal College, Calgary. We understand she will accept a position in the general office of the West Canadian Collieries Limited.

Fred Henson, of the Bellevue branch of P. Burns & Co., left this week to holiday at the Pacific coast, and is being relieved by Mr. Mitchell.

A company of Chinamen have leased the Beebe premises at the east corner of Fifth Avenue and Victoria Street, formerly occupied by Capt. Beebe himself and the town as offices. The premises are to be converted into a restaurant.

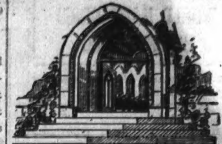
S. Trono has purchased a McLaughlin car through Mr. Liddle, of Coleman.

Mrs. Dennis, wife of Colonel J. S. Dennis, commissioner of natural resources for the C.P.R., died in Calgary June the 5th.

June 24.—Pincher Creek, Cowley, Bellevue, Coleman and Blairmore Oddfellows will hold joint installation of officers at Bellevue on Monday night.

Mrs. Archie Moe, Mrs. Blaine and Miss Herriot were drowned in St. Mary's Lake, near Coanbrook, on Sunday night.

Special Christmas services are announced for all churches on Sunday next (Christmas Day) and Saturday midnight, the latter being observed in the Catholic churches, to commence at 11.15.



"Serve the Church that the Church
May Serve You."

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
BLAIRMORE
Rev. E. B. Arrol, B.A., Minister

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m., Junior school,
Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Prayer service.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH NOTES
Rev. J. R. Hague, Rector

Services Sunday next:
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., Evening service.

REGULAR BAPTISTS
Pastor J. W. MacDonald, Minister

In the Union Hall.
Services Sunday next:
11 a.m.—Senior and Junior Sunday school.
7.30 p.m.—Evening service.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible study.
You are cordially invited to our services.

SALVATION ARMY — COLEMAN
Capt. and Mrs. F. Hewitt in charge

Sunday services: Directory class at 10.30 a.m. Sunday school 3 p.m. Salvation meeting 7.30 p.m. Come and enjoy an hour in God's house.
Monday at 7 p.m.: Y. P. Legion.
Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Home League, all ladies are heartily invited to attend.
Friday, 7 p.m.: Young people's meeting.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Main Street West, Coleman

Pastor, Rev. C. Helen Mooshian, B.A.; assistant and organist, Gunnell Berglund. Sunday services—Sunday school at 11 a.m. Morning worship at 12 noon. Evangelistic service at 7.30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., Prayer Meeting. Fridays, 7.30 p.m., Bible Study. Strangers and visitors always welcome.

THE BOOTLEGGERS' PRAYER

At the regular meeting of The Pass Bootleggers' Association last night, the following theme prayer was approved:

"Oh, Lord, open Thou our lips and our mouths shall inhale the sprays. For what we have received, so far, make us truly thankful! Strengthen our spirits, oh Lord, and may the after effects never be found wanting. We glory in Thine absence in the 'still' hour when Thine advocates are slumbering the sleep of the intoxicated, and the very air we breathe is not infused with the fumes of blessed water or pink tea. Thou hast said, oh Lord, when the waters heaved in madness, 'Peace be still!' and immediately there was a calm. We say, 'Let there be stills,' and there are stills, thanks be to the inventor. When the evil days draw nigh the moonshine's brilliant in color and tempting. We walk in the shadows of the cops, and there is little real health in us; but we take comfort from the fact that Thou art ever watching over our enemies, and in due time will grant them a reward. We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, and thrive continually on the liquids that are prohibitive but joy producing. Keep us, we pray Thee, from the eye and the hand of the law, and give us peace and plenty of joy-producing refreshments in our time. All these mercies we ask in the name of him who has taught us to say: 'What'll ya have?'"

Vai is contemplating taking a well-earned rest.

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Final approval of a compulsory pension plan for Edmonton's 1,017 civic employees was given by the city council.

The British Columbia legislature went on record as opposed to Oriental immigration into British Columbia.

A chair in forest entomology, first to be established in a Canadian university, will be added to the forestry school of the University of New Brunswick.

Toronto city has decided to ask the Ontario government for legislation enabling municipalities to impose a special tax on chain stores and gasoline service stations.

The Calgary General Ministerial Association will conduct a city-wide religious census in January under the chairmanship of Rev. Douglas H. Telfer.

Lloyd's insurance underwriters are quoting rates which represent 32 to 1 odds against Great Britain becoming involved in war before Dec. 31 of next year.

United States ranchers seek Alberta cattle in lots of 500 to 1,000 to rebuild their drought depleted herds, Kenneth Coppock, manager of the Western Stock Growers' Association, announced.

E. H. Reidman, deputy minister of municipalities for British Columbia, will soon begin a study of municipal health insurance schemes now operating successfully on the prairies.

Premier Aberhart, as Alberta's attorney-general, has agreed to appointment of a commission to gather statistics on youthful crime, Junior Citizenship and Brotherhood Association officials announced.

Volume of airmail carried by Trans-Canada Airlines planes has about doubled since the western Canada service was extended east of Winnipeg to Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal on an experimental and temporary basis Dec. 1.

The King's Medal

Members Of Canadian Police Forces And Fire Brigades Now Eligible

Members of Canadian police forces and fire brigades are now eligible for the award of the king's police medal, a decoration conferred by His Majesty in recognition of bravery. A recent order-in-council renewed the application of the award to Canadians.

The order-in-council, approved some time ago, cited the provisions of the royal warrants, which set forth that the king's police medal might be conferred "on those of our faithful subjects and others who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty" as members of police forces or fire brigades.

Recommendation for award of the medal, it was decreed, is to be by "one of our ministers of state for our Dominion of Canada" according to the phrasing of the royal warrant.

The regulations covering the award set forth that the names of those proposed for it are to be submitted annually to the king's police medal. Twelve medals constitute Canada's yearly allotment, although more may be awarded if justified by exceptional circumstances.

The qualifications for the grant of the medal for gallantry are: "Conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals; the risks incurred to be estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned."

Should a person who has already had the honor conferred upon him perform any further act of gallantry entitling him to recognition a second time, this "may be recorded by a Bar attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended."

"For every such additional act an additional bar may be added," according to the terms of the royal warrant, "and for each bar awarded a small silver rose shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone."

The Wrong Tablets

Emmeshed in details of a busy staff meeting, Brewster Gallup, part-department draftsman, of Oklahoma City, called for "two tablets." An efficient secretary promptly entered with two aspirin and a glass of water. Gallup downed them in one gulp. Then he remembered it was writing tablets he wanted.

Fooled Frontier Police

A clever Jewish banker brought his gold out of Italy, not long ago by moulding it into mudgears for a car and painting over the metal so perfectly that the frontier police were hoodwinked.

SLEEPING CHIEF FOR AT HOME?

By Anne Adams



Spirited, youthful—nothing at all of the "matron" about this graceful at-home frock by Anne Adams, except the size range! And "simple to sew" is written all over it, too, for the slendering panels to the puffed sleeves with fancy cuffs. Of course, until you see the Sewing Instructor that comes with Pattern 4920, you can't fully realize how quickly and pleasantly this style is stitched together! Be sure to note the scalloped neckline such a pretty frame for a well-shaped throat. And take into consideration the useful pockets and the captivating trim of ruffles and buttons. Perfect in printed synthetic for "valuing"—and your most flattering shade of percale for the breakfast room!

Pattern 4920 is available in women's sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50. Size 36 takes 4 1/4 yards 36 inch fabric and 1 1/4 yards ruffling. Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send order to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

Holding Courts Earlier

The Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chamberlain, announced the King and Queen will hold two courts in March, 1939, because in May, the month in which the first courts of the season usually are held, they will be visiting Canada. Two other courts will be held after the sovereign's return in June.

In England, a law makes it illegal to take home ice cream in cardboard containers on Sunday, but you can take it home in edible containers, or cones.

The soybean has been a principal crop in the Orient for probably fifteen centuries.

The Peace of Christmas

CHRISTMAS for many is a day for reflection. The peace of Christmas takes possession of their heart and mind. For their happiness they miss the peace and quietness of the season, the receiving of glad greetings, of chorists-singing carols, of joyous Christmas bells, of hilarious dinners. More to their liking is the solitude of their study, a warm fire, the solace of tobacco, a glass of wine to be sipped. Here their fancy is released. Here do they become meditative.

How delightful are the Christmas fancies of Alexander Smith, a Scots writer who lived 60-90 years ago, as found in his "Dreamthorp," described as "a book of essays written in the country."

"Sitting here," writes Smith, "I incontinently find myself holding a levee of departed Christmas nights. Silently, and without special call, into my study of imagination come these apparitions, clad in snowy mantles, brooch and gemmed with frost. Their numbers I do not care to count, for I know that they are the numbers of my years. The visions of two or three are enough, but on the whole 'tis a congregation of jolly ghosts. The nostrils of my memory are assailed by a faint odour of plum-pudding and burnt brandy. I hear a sound as of light fingers in my hair, and I remember the softness of woman's dresses whirled round in a dance, a click as of glasses being by friends. I remember, before one of these apparitions is a mound, as of a new-made grave, on which I lay myself down. I know, I know! Draps thyself not in white like the others, but in mourning shades of cape and instead of dance music let there haunt around thee the service for the dead!"

I know that sprig of mistletoe, O Spirit in the midst! Under it I swung the girl I loved—and kissed her in spite of blush and pretty shriek. And these, too, with fragrant trencher in hand, over which blue tongues of flame are playing, do I know—most ancient apparition of them all. I remember, by reigning night. Back to the very days of my childhood an I taken by the ghostly rascal, shimmering in a ghostly brandy glass. Where are now the merry boys and girls that thrust their heads in, and blazed? And now, when I think of it, they also would I draps in black raiment; around thee also would I make the burial service murmur.

On many a day in every year does a man remember what took place on that self-same day in some former year, and chews the sweet or bitter herb of memory, as the case may be. It is strange how important the poorest human being is to himself—how he likes to double back on his experiences to stand on the place he has stood on before, to meet himself face to face, as it were. The spot of ground on which a man has stood is forever interesting to him. Every experience is an anchor holding him the more firmly to existence.

In this Christmas night all other Christmas nights of my life live. Everything is silent in Dreamthorp. The smith's hammer ceases because the anvil. The weaver's flying shuttle is at rest. Through the clear winter sunshine the bells this morning rang from the grey church tower and the leafless elms, and up the walk the villagers trooped in their best dresses and their best faces—the latter a little reddened by the sharp wind; mere redness in the middle-aged; in the made wonderful bloom to the eyes of their youth.

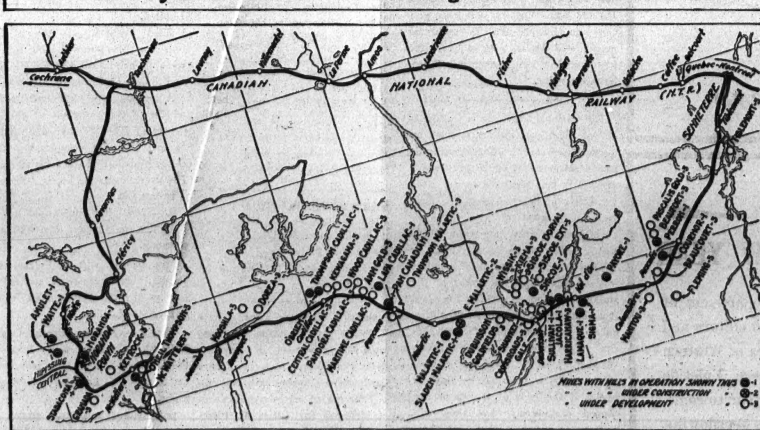
Ammonia is obtained on a commercial scale as a by-product when coal gas is made.

The African grn has a head like an ox, the body and flowing tail of a horse, and the limbs of an antelope.

In South America, there are tiny opossums which grow no larger than mice.

Skeletons of sea creatures often are found in sections of the Himalaya mountains.

New Railway Branch Links Rich Mining Area With Eastern Cities



The new branch line of the Canadian National Railways, required for the continued development of the rich mineral areas to the south of the National Transcontinental line in north-western Quebec gives a large number of producing mines, and mines now under development, direct rail connection with Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto. The new branch, which has just been completed, extends for 140 miles from Senneville, on the Transcontinental, through Val d'Or, Rouyn, the terminus of the C.N.R. branch connecting with the Transcontinental at Taschereau, which was built in 1927 and made possible the rapid development of the Noranda group. This enterprise last year had an output of gold and copper valued at over \$21,000,000 and the estimated value of the output of the producing mines served by the new line is \$42,000,000 for the current year. The location of the various mines in the district is shown on the map. Previous to the construction of the branch the majority of these mines had to transport materials and supplies from points on the Transcontinental by truck, boat, or tractor, or a distance of approximately forty miles. Now by the direct service freight will be laid down conveniently to the mines and a big saving will be effected both in cost of transportation and in time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 25

GOD'S GREAT LOVE

Golden text: God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16.

Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12.

Devotional reading: Romans 8:35-39.

Explanations And Comments

The Quest of the Wise-Men, Matthew 2:1-8. It was in the days of Herod the King, that Wise-men from the East came to Jerusalem inquiring where was the Babe who had been born the King of Jews. This was the Herod known in history as Herod the Great, whose reign lasted from 37 to 4 B.C.

Herod was in Jerusalem, and when the question of the Wise-men reached him, he was troubled, for he feared a pretender to his throne. The people also were troubled, we are told, probably they tried to have Herod arrested, for he was cruel and unscrupulous. Joseph says that two years before this Herod had ordered the slaughtering of leading Pharisees because of his jealous fear of them. Later he had slain those who prophesied that the throne would pass from him and his line. "The steps of his throne were wet with the blood of his best loved wife, his sons, his benefactors and of the flower of the nation, murdered to make it secure," writes Dr. Cunningham Gellie.

Herod summoned the Wise-men to a private interview and from them learned the exact time of the star's appearing. He wished to know the probable age of the Child, to make sure of his death afterwards, evidently holding that the star's appearing and the child's birth were connected. Then he directed the men to Bethlehem after bidding them to turn to Jerusalem to let him know the result of their search. He, too, would worship the Babe, he declared.

The Success of the Quest, Matthew 2:9-12. As the Wise-men went on their way to Bethlehem, the star went before them, as the Bible says, saying that the star guided them to Jesus. They were led to the house where the young Child, with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him, paying homage to him in the Oriental manner by prostrating themselves before him. Then they presented to him their gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

A dream warned them not to return to Herod, and they avoided Jerusalem on their departure to their country.

Largest Shark Captured

The largest shark ever captured alive has just been placed in the world's only oceanarium at Marine-land, Florida. Weighing approximately 600 pounds, this ground shark, which was caught through the injection of a drug by a special hypodermic harpoon, is 11 feet six inches long. Another ground shark, eight feet eight inches long, weighing about 400 pounds, was also added to the collection.

In The Olden Days

Handkerchiefs as we know them to-day, are a comparatively recent addition to a man's wardrobe. At one time, before the days of dentistry, ladies carried dainty lace handkerchiefs to hide their decayed teeth when they smiled. Long before that, however, fox tails were carried, as combination handkerchiefs and fans.

A day and a month on the moon both are of the same length; each is equal to two earth weeks.

Health LEAGUE OF CANADA

prevents TOPICS in VITAL INTEREST

by DR. J. W. S. McCULLOUGH

GROWING PAINS

For generations painful extremities in children, often called growing pains, have been regarded as rheumatic in origin, and so treated.

Lately an analysis of the histories of 100 patients with well-developed rheumatic fever, done at the Lymhurst Health Centre, Minneapolis, revealed that 84% of them gave a definite history of a major attack of rheumatic infection; either rheumatic fever, chorea (St. Vitus' Dance) or both. A careful study of the remaining 16% demonstrated that in practically every instance, in spite of the fact that no history of a major attack of rheumatic infection was obtained, there was definite evidence that they were suffering from long-continued rheumatic infection. They had such signs as low grade fever, loss of weight, definite joint pains, nosebleeds, skin rash and pallor although the symptoms were not severe enough to send them to bed.

A follow-up of 200 other children in the same institution was carried out for three years. Though these children confessed of pain in the legs, none of them had given any evidence of rheumatic infection. The pain is present as a rule at night and disappears during the day. They are otherwise in good health and none have developed rheumatic heart disease.

Growing pains are so common in healthy school children during early childhood and adolescence that it is suggested that their complaint is due, not to rheumatism but to normal growth.

Editorial Note: Readers desiring the complete set of Dr. McCullough's cancer articles at once may secure same by writing to: The Health League of Canada, 105 Bond St., Toronto, Ont.

Locked House A Mystery

Real Paid Regularly But Tenants Vanished 40 Years Ago

Early one morning, forty years ago, Miss Louie Young and her sister walked out of an eight-room villa in Alexander-street, Aldridge, Lanarkshire, Scotland. The door, and as far as their fellow townspeople were concerned, vanished.

Since then this house of solid red sandstone has remained empty.

No one in the town can say why the sisters left, or where they went. But every year the sum of £141, which includes assessed rental and rates, is paid by a firm of lawyers to Aldridge Town Council.

"The sisters were very reserved and nothing was known about them," said a neighbor.

"They walked out of the house one morning after breakfast."

"The remains of their breakfast are still on the table as they left them."

"It is said that the house was haunted, but no one knows why it should be."

"So far as is known no one has entered the house since the sisters left."

"The curtains on the windows are mere dusty shreds, and the windows have never been cleaned,"—London Sunday Express.

Looking For Easy Job

Applicant For Housekeeper's Position Not Taking Any Chances

A Kansas City resident of moderate circumstances advertised for a housekeeper. The first applicant, asked in a letter if the advertiser had a modern home, private room, private bath, telephone and extension line, a nurse, a chauffeur and a secretary. "If you have such," the writer said, "you might send your chauffeur by and I'll come look the place over." A newspaper still carries the ad.

Indians of British Columbia believe that the raven is the source of light and life, and that the raven's whole can turn itself into a man.

Of the 9,278,368 miles of highways in the world, 2,889,632 are in North and South America. Europe is next with 3,557,964 miles.

Loons have been known to stay under water eight minutes.

To Relieve BACK'S HEAD COLD Misery

DO THIS: Massage his throat, chest, and back with Vicks VapoRub and tuck him into bed. Next, put a spoonful of VapoRub in a bowl of boiling water; place the bowl too, so the medicine vapors can be inhaled for several minutes. This treatment loosens phlegm—clears air-passages—checks tendency to cough—relieves local congestion. Long after he relaxes into peaceful sleep, VapoRub's positive and soothing action is still bringing relief—and you can get a good night's rest too.

POOR MAN'S GOLD Courtney Ryley Cooper

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WNU Service.

CHAPTER X.—Continued

For the first time in his life, Jack heard Kay stammer. Then she began to rage, her clenched hands extended. But Jeanne Towers cut in with:

"Shall I give you the hours, days and dates? And perhaps you sneak out at nights just for the exercise? In your pajamas?"

"Jack!" Kay tried appeal. "Are you going to believe this wretched little liar? If you only knew—"

"He knows," Jeanne cut in, "if you're referring to my life with Lew Snade."

"Kay," the man interrupted dazedly, "has all this been just a game with you?" He was groping, like a man staggering in his feet after unconsciousness. "You've been just playing me—you never intended to marry me?" Just holding me at arm's length—

"Men are easier to handle that way," Jeanne supplied.

"You should know!" Kay was pacing. Her eyes glared; her usually smooth hair was in disarray.

"I couldn't help watching you," Anger conquered Kay completely.

"Think what you please, both of you," she exploded. "If her word means so much to you—go ahead—only don't come to me with it!" A queer laugh passed over her thin drawn lips. "Thank God for one thing. I won't have you pawing me any more—that's a consolation."

"Kay!"

"Don't speak to me! I'm shot at him. 'You've got your own information bureau beside you—talk to her!'"

"And you know it's the right information," Jeanne insisted.

"You've cooked it up—every word of it."

"Then why do you admit it?" The Northern girl advanced a step toward the veranda. "Call out Mrs. Carrawe. She's tired of her job; she won't be afraid to answer questions. She'll tell you how many times she's seen you go over to Bruce Kenning's—nights when she couldn't sleep and watched you—"

"Oh, the cook's word."

"A good woman's word! If she had only come to me before McKenzle Joe left, Kenning never would have gotten his hands on that property!"

Kay straightened. White-featured, her hands half extended as though they longed to claw the brown eyes of the woman who accused her, she stood a moment transfixed with anger.

"But he's got it!" she snapped at last. "And what are you going to do about it?"

"She whirled. The door slammed. Jack and Jeanne stood alone in the deepening night."

"I'm going to find Bruce Kenning," he said abruptly. "This time I'd better see him alone."

She begged him to wait for morning; Jack countered with hastily framed excuses. At last he was alone, moving through the shadows toward McKenzle Joe's test shaft, progress-

ing more by instinct than by direction.

Mentally had concentrated upon a sequence of events which now were becoming horribly, truthfully clear.

McKenzle Joe had been right after all—from the very beginning!

Now the episode of the super gold was explained, and the reason that he never again had found such nuggets at Kay's claim. He knew now that her placer workings had been worthless and that they had been salted with metal from Kenning's workings up the creek. It was her alibi, her excuse to thwart any ploy that Jack might make to give up this quixotic idea, to marry him now, and forget pride and foolish inhibitions. To cover also the matter of money, explain the payment of workmen—Jack knew now who had paid them, Bruce Kenning. To make Jack believe that she was a trifle nearer him, and thus, fevered by her approach, make him the more irresponsible to trickery.

But McKenzle Joe had labeled the first nugget snipe gold; which could not possibly have come from her claim. The mistake had not been made again; the gold with which that gravel had been salted there after had been the sort of gold that would come from gravel, nothing else.

On went the reconstruction—the well-planned battle which the English syndicate, the plausibility and sense of honesty established by the failure of the main line of test pits, the surprise of finding gold where no one, even Bruce Kenning, had expected it, thus absolutely precluding the possibility of gold-bearing sands in the territory where McKenzle Joe had put his faith.

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Lew Snade looked up. "Ain't he at his house?"

"You know he's not there."

"But I don't. Honest to God, I don't. He said he was going to be there."

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Suddenly Hammond crossed, alive to his surroundings. He was with in fifty yards of McKenzle Joe's

workings. A faint sound, borne by the brisk wind, carried the rasping of the old ladder as someone began an ascent of the shaft. A shadowy, burdened figure appeared. Hammond, that the figure reached the surface, threw the heavy sack of gravel from his shoulders, strove to run, stumbled, then turned weakly suppliant.

"Don't hurt me," he begged. "I'm not Kenning."

Hammond caught him, lifting him clear of the ground. For an instant, he held the man shaking in his powerful grasp. Then, with a half-ding, he gave him freedom.

"I told you never to cross that Alaskan line!" he growled. It was Lew Snade, almost groveling as he strove to back away, to reach a distance from which he could run for safety. But Hammond moved with him, pace for pace. "Hear me? I told you not to cross that line!"

"But I haven't been bothering Jeanne. Honest to God, I haven't. She doesn't even know I'm in the country."

"What are you doing in this test pit?"

"Just getting out a little gravel."

"To make cement with, I suppose. How long have you worked here?"

He tried to frame a lie, but he was too frightened.

"Since a night or two after your partner left."

"And you work for Bruce Kenning, don't you?" The big hands caught again at the shoulders of the trembling man. "Don't lie—you work for Bruce Kenning."

"Yeh—I work for him."

"You help him salt that shaft over on the bench land too, didn't you?"

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A Chance Experiment

Brought New And Profitable Industry To Cornwall, England

A chance experiment made four-

teen years ago has brought a new and profitable industry to Cornwall and extended its cut flower season from three to six months. Travel-

ing in France in 1924, a Cornish resident was so impressed with the beauty of the giant anemone which grew in abundance even during the winter months that he brought back some of the seed of the variety Du

Chen and planted them in his garden in the West Country. They flowered just as profusely in the warm soil and mild Cornish climate as on the Continent. Growers noted this fact and soon bunches were on their way to Covent Garden, London's central flower market, where they proved popular owing to the excellent way they last. The demand increased and increased and so began the new Cornish industry of anemone growing.

To-day anemone farms cluster around Penzance and in the sheltered spots along the Devon and Cornish coast. In Cornwall alone there are over 1,600 growers, while the acreage under cultivation has increased from 50 to 400 in the last seven years. This year the anemone traffic promises to beat all records. In the early hours of one morning, at the end of last month, over six tons, representing 600,000 blooms, arrived at Paddington Station, London, en route for Covent Garden alone—a 40 per cent. increase over the traffic received on a similar night last year.—From Industrial Britain.

Were Kept Too Busy

Girls Doing War Work In Spain Were Not Scared

A girl who drove a hospital truck in the Spanish civil war and another who served as a nurse at the front lines said that "most of the time they were too busy to be scared."

Ruth Davidson, 27, and Evelyn Rahman, 28, of New York, who volunteered to aid medical bureau to aid Spanish democracy worked for weeks in sight and sound of the firing in government territory.

Evelyn drove a three-ton truck over roads sometimes shell-torn to bring food, fuel and medical supplies to the hospital base. There were only two other girl drivers, she said. For 3½ months after arriving in Spain, she drove an ambulance—18,000 miles.

Ruth, who worked six months giving anaesthesia in a "hospital on wheels" at the Cordoba front, later was sent to the Ebro front. She could see the firing from the hospital tents pitched around a little white house in a field. Sometimes artillery shots fell nearby; and two days after they evacuated it the building was destroyed.

The girls were in Spain nearly 19 months.

A Costly Business

Running A Newspaper Has Become Quite A Problem

Since June, 1937, no fewer than 41 daily newspapers in the United States have suspended publication, some by merger and six by reverting to weekly publication. The reason, states the Niagara Falls Review, in practically all cases has been the same, continually mounting cost of publication. It is a far cry from the day when a newspaper could be started with relatively little capital. Probably no business in the world has become as costly as newspaper production and to-day readers get far more for their money than ever before. It is amazing to contrast newspapers of to-day with those of 20 or even 10 years ago.

In three or four days \$500,000 was raised in England for the Czechs.

Britain's Air Armada Grows Rapidly

Wales Has Leaning Tower

The most remarkable known instance of a leaning tower is in Great Britain. This is the tower of Caerphilly Castle, some nine miles north of Cardiff. It is about 75 feet in height and leans 11 feet out of the vertical.

Request Has Been Lost

Will Stolen 41 Years Ago Mention Fleet-Of Ships

A will test 41 years ago has just turned up, but, unfortunately, a whole fleet of vessels bequeathed in the will is still lost, and so comes to light a most unusual bequest.

The story of a last testament drawn from the testator's death bed is revealed in a letter from Lake Gatineau, Quebec, to the Brock Shipping Company, Montreal. The writer is Paul Dubuc, who says that he is the grandson of the man whose will has just been found.

The letter reads in part:

"Since you are shipbrokers, would you have the goodness to tell me if you can find any data concerning the French White Fleet ships that came into St. Lawrence River in the last century?"

"I have found a last will that had been robbed from the death bed of my grandfather, Charles Alexander Dubuc, in date of Dec. 27, 1897, and which died that same year, and the will was found on Nov. 10, 1938."

"For your own reference, to help in search to discover data for me, I will copy for you the following paragraph from a document that was registered at the Superior Court of Quebec:

"Charles Alexander Dubuc emigrated to Canada as a wine merchant. He is the owner of the French White Fleet ships and he traded most of them to the Canadian Government for land exempted from tax and waterfront rights for docks. It was near (St.) Montmorency Falls that he came with King, Hall, et al., leaving the docks to tie the ships etc."

"You will be rewarded if you can help me in one way or another. Hoping to hear from you soon."

No one could be found in Montreal who had heard of the fleet, but the shipping company is still searching.

Maybe There Are More

But Canada Definitely Has Two Women Bell-Ringers

There is more than one female bell ringer in Canada, a fact revealed when Paris suggested the young woman who rings the bell there was probably the only one of her sex to do this work in the Dominion. Undoubtedly the oldest person in the class lives in Ottaville, Ont.

"Mrs. Ruth Elliott, who recently passed her 81st birthday, has rung the bell at Ottaville nearly all her life. She was born just across the street from the bell tower and while still in her teens commenced ringing the bell, and with few exceptions when other members of the Hillier family relieved her, she has been doing a grand job for more than 60 years."

"I only have to ring it five times a day now," she said. "I used to ring it six times when we had the curfew." When it was suggested that it would still be a good idea to ring the 9 o'clock bell, she said, "No, it wouldn't do a bit of good, the children never paid any attention to it anyway."

If a strange hand rings the bell, the villagers all know it, for she has acquired a technique at the job. When the fire alarm is given, Mrs. Elliott is right on the job, as a separate rope outside the belfry is used for this purpose.

On Sunday, Mrs. Elliott gets a little rest for the bell is rung but once that day at 9:30 in the morning, and frequently her son, Charles, who is home from work, rings it then.

The ban that has been imposed on swing music in amusement places in Germany suggests that the Nazi creed has some merits after all.

There are 8,190 miles of railroads in the state of California.

Charges That Japanese Are Sponsoring Narcotics Traffic In Nanking

Charges that the Japanese are sponsoring the narcotics traffic in Nanking were made by Dr. M. S. Bates, American educator connected with the University of Nanking, in a report supplied to the New York press.

The report says 50,000 persons, one-eighth of the population of Nanking, are being slowly poisoned by heroin supplied by Japanese-controlled rings and that every month at least 5,000,000 Chinese dollars is being realized in the Nanking area by dope traffickers belonging to or allied with the Japanese Army.

Dr. Bates based his report on personal research, on observations of reliable friends, on statements of dealers in narcotics and on regulations of the Chinese puppet administration in Nanking. Dr. Bates, who is a Professor of History of high reputation, has made a number of other reports on Nanking conditions, including a statement on Japanese atrocities in Nanking last December.

His estimate of 50,000 including children, crippled by the heroin habit, does not include thousands more addicted to opium and other narcotics. He said the strongest of the four trafficking organizations in Nanking was directed by the special service section of the Japanese Army. The puppet government was said to be profiting immensely.

"There is abundant testimony that the major opium supplies come from Dalen through Shanghai," the report continues.

The Cost Of Victory

Italian People Paying Plenty For Conquest Of Ethiopia

Great Britain has "recognized" Italy's conquest of Ethiopia, and, fortunately British taxpayers are not compelled to recognize this conquest in the same way it is being realized by the Italian people.

Mussolini's edict of a 7½ per cent. tax on capital and real estate is the most revealing news out of the dictator state recently. The money is to be used developing Ethiopia. A similar tax of 10 per cent. was levied on the Ethiopian people.

Ethiopia will have cost Italy 17½ per cent. of capital stock and real estate, plus the cost of the Ethiopian campaign, plus incidental money. The two taxes amount to \$175,000,000. A tremendous investment for a doubtful return.—Chatham News.

May Have Started Something

The millennium must be at hand. The Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago announced receipt of a "conscience letter" from a boy who enclosed 15 cents in stamps in payment for an insulator he broke on one of the concern's lines. It was the first such compensation, the firm stated, for any of the 20,000,000 destroyed during the last 60 years.

After the 1939 San Francisco World Fair closes, the artificial island on which it's built will become an airport.

A barrel cactus is more than 90 per cent. water.

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MEN LOVE GIRLS WITH PEP

If you are peppy and full of fun, men will love you to dance and parties.

BUT, if you are a nervous wreck and tired, men won't be interested. Men don't like "silly" girls. Men like girls who are full of pep.

For three generations our women have had another way to go "silly" through "Lew's Pink Vegetable Compound."

It helps Nature lose up the system, this lemon-juice "Lew's Pink Vegetable Compound," the orders which women must make.

Why? Because it's PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND!

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ABERHARTIANA

Editor Canadian Business,

Dear Sir: Recently in "Aberhartiana," your correspondent made the statement that the proposed "baby banks" for Alberta would probably be run as loosely as some American state banks in the middle of the last century. To what institution does he refer and why should he make such comparison.—D. P. Apperson, Minneapolis, Minn.

To which Canadian Business replied: The Union Bank of Mississippi, organized with a capital of \$15,000,000, issued \$15,000,000 in currency, made loans of \$48,000,000, and received over \$10,000,000 in deposits. In a short time the currency was worthless, the loans were never repaid and the deposits never redeemed. Everybody was in debt and the debacle was followed by a crippling exodus to other states.—Correspondent.

CAN PREMIER IGNORE THE "REBEL" CHALLENGE

"The Rebel," edited by J. J. Zubick, of Calgary, has again resumed publication, launching an attack upon Premier Aberhart, which the premier surely will not ignore.

Under the challenge "Will, he fight?" Zubick denounces the premier as a liar, a crook, a coward and a traitor. These are fighting words and the writer amplifies the terms with incidents in the premier's record which prompted him in his choice of words.

The article is specific in its charges. Can the premier ignore them? It says "We offer specific proof in support of our every charge and invite you to correct us if you think us wrong, and stand ready to make retraction or to substantiate our charges in a court of law where we feel them to be right."

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7. Combine Canadian fish with milk and get two essential food elements in one dish.
8. Eat Canadian fish once a day for the nutritive value and energy it furnishes—particularly when the wind blows cold.

A forty-year-old Hungarian gipsy woman has thirty children, including six sets of twins.

Members of the Hillcrest Miners' Club held their annual Christmas smoker in the clubrooms last night, when a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental selections, recitations, etc., occupying about four hours, was rendered. Around 200 were present.

After Santa's Visit



CHRISTMAS is a time of secrets,
So I'll whisper one to you,
Grandpa says that all who try it,
Find that every word is true,
"Would you have a happy day?
Give some happiness away."

Grandpa says this little secret
Should be carried through the year,
And if all would try to heed it,
Earth would soon be full of cheer,
"Would you have a happy day?
Give some happiness away."

—H. A. Lynan

NOBLESSE OBLIGE!

Saint John, N.B., Dec. 20.—He was floundering along the highway endeavoring to navigate his motor-car through snowdrifts, when along came a gust of wind and blew his hat, which had his driver's license tucked inside the band, off his head and through the open window, into the wide open spaces. Three days later the motorist received a polite note from the investigation department of the Canadian National Railways at Moncton, N.B., and with it the hat, explaining that the hat had been found caught among the brake rods of a coach on a Moncton-bound passenger train.

Government House at Edmonton may be dusted up in the hope of entertaining the King and Queen next May or June.

Keep This Where You Can Read It

Married in white, you have chosen right.
Married in grey, you will go far away.
Married in black, you will wish yourself back.
Married in red, you will wish yourself dead.
Married in green, ashamed to be seen.
Married in blue, he will always be true.
Married in pearl, you will live in a whirl.
Married in yellow, ashamed of your fellow.
Married in brown, you will live out of town.
Married in pink, your spirit will sink.

George intends to put away his accordion.

ALBERTA'S GREATEST NEED

Alberta sorely needs to have its credit restored. This does not necessarily mean that the province's debt should be increased. We believe that hemo-forth Alberta should live within its income. But the province's defaults have led to the drastic curtailment of private credit and the ordinary business life is hampered and restricted.

It would be the part of wisdom for the government to correct this disadvantageous condition. If it does not do so, the development of the province is sure to be seriously hampered for years to come.—Brooks Bulletin.

Two Morrisons, two McDonalds, two McPhes and two Browns were among the twenty miners killed in a mine accident at Sydney, Cape Breton, recently.

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Every town has a prominent citizen who gambles on the stock market and looks down on a wicked neighbor who plays poker.—Niagara Falls Review, more.

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The Enterprise will complete its twenty-ninth year of publication next week.

Democracy is sure at work in Alberta: Social Crediters are meeting behind closed doors.

Roy McKay, well known C.P.R. engineer, died suddenly at Revelstoke on Tuesday, aged 50.

The eighth session of the eighth legislature of Alberta is slated to convene February 9th.

T. J. Murphy is expected home today from Yellowknife to spend the Yuletide with his family.

Ernie McDowell will arrive early Sunday morning, to spend Christmas with his father, Mr. S. McDowell.

Mr. Cross, representing the Calgary Brewing & Malting Co., was a visitor to The Pass on Wednesday.

Mrs. M. S. Bartlett, who recently underwent a critical operation in the General hospital at Calgary, is reported progressing quite favorably.

Tommy Farr, British heavyweight, was outpointed and soundly beaten by Lou Nova, of Alameda, California, Friday night last.

A small watch, picked up on Sunday last, may be had at The Enterprise office by owner proving property and paying for this notice.

December the 23rd, 1938, and no snow in the Crows' Nest Pass. Crows' Nest Lake and the greater portion of Crows' Nest River are open to navigation.

William Adlam, fireboss, met with rather a serious accident in the Hillcrest mine on Wednesday, and is being cared for in the Hillcrest hospital. No particulars are to hand as we go to press.

The deadline for turning in motor license plates in order to obtain a 20 per cent rebate from the Alberta government is January 10th. Rebates last year resulted in the provincial treasury paying out \$20,000 to motor car owners who turned in their license plates which were good to March 31st.

David Herbert Orr, pioneer building contractor, died in Calgary on Tuesday night, aged 52. Prior to 1912, Mr. Orr was employed by late Contractor E. J. Pozzi, in Blairmore. Since that time he has followed his trade in Calgary. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, two sons and a brother.

Four men and a boy, believed to have been connected with a recent car robbery at Calgary, have been convicted of the break-in, robbery and damage to an oil pump at La-combe. They were fined \$10 or thirty days on the charge of mischief, \$25 or three months on the charge of breaking and entering, and assessed \$10 for damage to the pump.

WESTERN WOMEN AGAIN HEAD LIST PRIZE WINNERS

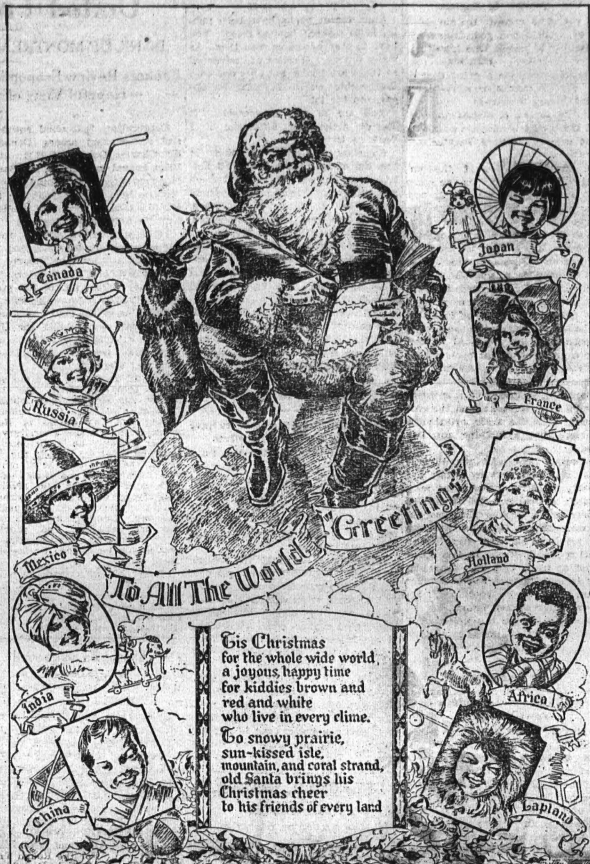
Results of the dominion-wide Quaker Flour contest just released by The Quaker Oats Company, Saskatoon, Sask., show that once again residents of western Canada have succeeded in carrying off a major portion of the first prizes in the weekly contests.

The contest required a letter of twenty-five words or less describing the reasons the contestant preferred Quaker Flour and the Quaker Easy Method of Baking.

Following are the names and addresses of the western adies whose letters have won them first prizes of \$5 cash: Mrs. F. M. Auld, Nelson, B. C.; Mrs. Annie Ruch, Fitzsimmons, Alta.; Mrs. H. A. Hansen, Melfort, Sask.; Mrs. Harry Tallant, Alingly, Sask.; Miss Irene M. Stevenson, Erskdale, Man.; Mrs. W. E. Smith, Box 47, Macdowell, Sask.; Mrs. P. Munna, Shamrock, Sask.; Miss Hazel M. Tatro, Sedgewick, Alta.

"Young man, do you realize that you will never get anywhere by drinking?"

"Ain't it the truth? I started home from this corner five times already!" ver.



HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Shelby, of Milk River, is a visitor at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. Greener.

A very delightful miscellaneous shower was held in the Catholic hall last Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Margaret Grant, when she was recipient of many beautiful gifts, for which she very fittingly thanked those present.

In a hockey game at Natal on Sunday afternoon, Hillcrest juniors defeated Natal juniors 3-2.

Christina Grant and Marion Thornton, who have been attending the Calgary normal school, have arrived home for the Christmas holidays.

The funeral of the late William Norton on Saturday last was very largely attended. Following service in St. Theresa's church, interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Rev. Father O'Dea officiating. Pallbearers were P. Rhys, G. Rhys, A. Mark, H. Jones, P. McNeil and J. McDade.

Mrs. Rees Richards, Mrs. L. Martin and Miss Audrey Martin were motor visitors to Lethbridge on Saturday.

Miss Helen Rose, who is attending the University of Alberta at Edmonton, is home for the holidays.

Miss Lottie Thornton, nurse at the Galt hospital at Lethbridge, is visiting at the home of her parents here.

A successful whist drive was held Friday night in the K. P. hall by members of the Knights of Pythias lodge. Ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. P. Willett, the gent's by Mrs. D. Grant.

Miss Blodwyn Ray, who has been attending the Calgary normal school, returned home this week for the holidays.

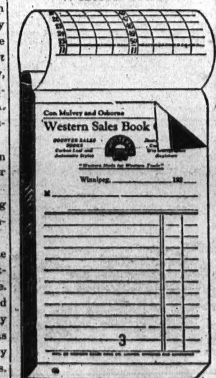
Mrs. G. Thornton was a Calgary visitor last week.

Mr. W. Hutchison left Thursday to spend Christmas and New Year holidays with his family at Vancouver.

HOW TO BEHAVE WHEN KISSED

Close your eyes when being kissed, even if you don't have the urge to do so. It is standard practice to appear to swoon. And there is nothing more disconcerting to a man than to feel himself floating about on a shell-pink cloud with an angel at his side, and then to sneak a look through his lashes to find she has her feet on the ground. When your eyes are open you appear to think, whether there is a thought in your head or not. It is not suitable to think when you should be feeling.

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Every advertisement in this paper is a printed invitation to you. Obey that impulse.

Men like to believe their kisses render you limp with emotion. (From Margaret Fishback's new book, "Safe Conduct").

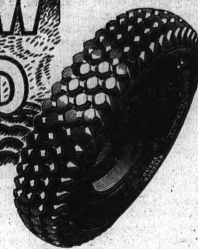
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The Duties Of Citizenship

With daily newspapers in the west publishing talk on occasion, the airing of charges that eastern provincial premiers are conspiring to make the central government at Ottawa an annex of their provinces and the promotion of innumerable social, political and economic cuts and "isms" all over the country, the outlook for Dominion unity and stability does not, on the face of it, appear very bright.

Just how seriously these alarms and excursions should be regarded is somewhat difficult to diagnose and what they portend for the future of this country and its people is not easy to decide, but if straw shows which way the wind is blowing, it would appear that the time is drawing near for a spiritual renaissance if Canada is to maintain the solidarity on which it was founded and the happiness and future welfare of her people are to be assured.

Generally speaking, the majority of the people of all parts of this Dominion have expressed a desire, whenever they have been given an opportunity of indicating their views at the polls and through their representatives in Parliament and in the legislatures of the country, to maintain unimpaired and undivided the heritage which have been handed down to them through British history and handed on to them through the fathers of Confederation.

Danger Signals Observed

Sometimes, however, one is tempted to fear that there are signs of a weakening in the faith and courage which dominated the people of this country when it was first settled and which has enabled them to make progress despite the alings and arrows of misfortune and in the face of temporary setbacks and difficulties.

If this is so, then, indeed, there is a need for reinvigorating of that spirit to which Sir Anthony Eden referred in his recent broadcast from New York when he announced to this continent that the people of Great Britain, come what may, intend to stand firm on the rock of democracy and without calling for outside aid.

That there are differences of opinion, even on questions of major policy, in this country as elsewhere, is to be expected and even encouraged, for of such is the essence of democracy; that such differences of opinion should be brought into the open and thoroughly debated is highly desirable, for that also is the sign manual of the democratic spirit, but once the great majority have spoken their mind, their decision should be respected and observed, at least until such time as minority doctrine may have become espoused by the greater number.

The danger signals hang out, however, when too many people forget that democratic rule entails individual responsibility and that where there is a trend for appreciable numbers to forget or ignore their obligations to the state the risk of the state becoming omnipotent is enhanced and that then the day is dawning when a minority group or an individual may seize the reins of government and impose a dictatorship.

Dangerous Impassivity

It has been laid down as axiomatic that the people get the kind of government they deserve. It might be well said that sometimes people are better governed than they deserve, but such a condition could not last very long in a day and generation which witness a trend for minorities to organize and work day and night to press their objectives, if a substantial section of the general public remains indifferent to its communal duties.

And there are signs of a dangerous trend in this direction when an increasing number of people refrain from exercising their franchise in national, provincial and municipal elections. If people adopt a laissez faire attitude towards their own affairs they should not be surprised if their rights and privileges, including even those privileges of freedom of speech, freedom of worship and freedom of assembly are snatched from them. The attitude of "let George do it," if persisted in, will ultimately result in George doing it and probably in a manner which will prove highly distasteful to the great majority.

As suggested what is required for the preservation of a united democracy, which carries with it not only strength to face dangers from without, but all those privileges which have been inherited and which should be cherished in view of the price that has been paid for them, is a rejuvenated sense of moral individual obligation.

This can be brought about by an educational program which should be waged not only among the rising generation in the schools and educational institutions of the land, but also among adults who may have been lulled into the false belief that they can ignore the duties of citizenship and still retain the privileges which have come to be taken for granted, even as the air that is breathed and the water that is drunk.

Along with this mobilization of "citizenship", children in the schools and adults outside of them should be reminded incessantly that a lively sense of individual responsibility is essential if the form of government they now enjoy is to be preserved, and that the greater this recognition the more nearly perfect will administration become.

Without a quickening sense of personal responsibility on the part of the people democracy is sooner or later doomed.

Trouble Over Fishing Rights

The Russian foreign office disclosed that a serious dispute has developed between the Soviet and Japan over fishing rights. Leases to Japan for fisheries expired Dec. 1. It was disclosed that Russia—despite angry Japanese demands—has refused to renew the leases until Japan makes good a defaulted railroad payment.

Animals of the dog family do not sneeze their claws, since they run down their prey, and seize it in their mouths, making noiseless footwork and sharp claws unnecessary.

Our relations with Mussolini remain cool, says the New Yorker. We refuse to recognize the conquest of Ethiopia and he gives a frosty glare at Pope and Mickey Mouse.

Remember The Birds

A lady has suggested that the plight of the birds at the present time is worthy of attention. It would cost nothing, she pointed out, to scatter some of the crumbs on the snow or hard-frozen earth instead of in the refuse container and the birds would benefit. Otherwise, lacking sufficient food, many of them die during the winter.

They waited till Van Gogh was dead to appreciate his art. During his lifetime he sold only two of his pictures, one at \$5 and the other for \$100. To-day an outstanding Van Gogh is worth \$50,000.

"Contact" eye glasses were invented in 1827 by a man named Herschel, who cast them from a gelatin negative.

Something Quite Different

Pedal-Cycle Promises To Become Very Popular In England

As everyone knows, Britain is a land of cyclists and pedestrianism and the number of people who take their regular exercise in both manners—and incidentally, see a great deal of their own beautiful country—must run into many thousands.

But the poetical promises to supplant the cyclist if advance estimates of the sale of Wilfred Pootles are accurate.

For the information of the uninitiated, Wilfred Pootle is the name which the British cycle trade has conferred upon the latest addition to the cycle family—a relatively inexpensive, light, and cheap-to-operate pedal-cycle which does as much as 30 miles an hour and can do 40 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

Wilfred is different. Even if something does happen to his mechanism he is not hard to push or to pedal, and he is so cheap to buy and is so inexpensive to operate that he has made a great hit at the cycle shows. Just think, one of Wilfred's riders can pootle at will through the streets or along the highways at a speed of 25 or 30 miles an hour, and the cost of such agreeable transportation is not more than a farthing for two miles!

Unless we are mistaken, Wilfred has a future, not only in Britain but probably in North America as well. Although there are to be 35,000 pootlers in the United Kingdom before mid-summer, the manufacturers may yet have sufficient facilities to export a few Wilfreds to this country, or, at least, to permit Canadian firms to manufacture Wilfreds under license, and then the pootler will become an international figure.

Who wouldn't be a pootler when pootling costs so much ground at such slight expense?

Farm Placements

Decrease Is Shown In Number Over Previous Year

Improved conditions in Western Canada have produced a decided decrease in the number of persons placed under the government's farm employment plan, said a statement issued by Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of labor.

Figures on farm placement up to Dec. 1st show 9,467 persons—2,293 men and 1,174 women—were placed on farms in Western Canada. These figures compared with 22,461 placements—16,899 men and 5,572 women last year.

By provinces placements this far this winter under the farm plan are: Saskatchewan 5,036, Manitoba 2,223, Alberta 2,068 and British Columbia 150.

Changed Ownership Once

Paper Published In Amherstburg, Ont., Was Founded In 1874

The Amherstburg Echo was founded November, 1874, and has a unique history in the way of having had only one change of ownership, and one change of publication premises in all that time. Naturally the paper has changed a great deal to meet the changing conditions of these modern times. The first Echo was four pages—the last ten, and the number of pages now varies from ten to twelve and fourteen, as needs demand. The editorial and reportorial coverage has grown with the paper, while the practical department organizes a larger staff than at any time in its history.

A Hollywood actor is reported to have two libraries with a book in each.

Animals, as well as human beings, are subject to snow-blindness.

Makes No Difference

People Who Sleep Badly Need Not Worry About It

Four recent books have been published to tell one how to sleep. You have to stay awake to read them. As many different theories are advanced as there are books, but only one cure that seems worth listening to appears in the lot.

You are to say to yourself: "It doesn't make any difference if I don't go to sleep."

Somehow this eases the mind. It has the sheep racket licked all hollow. Any one who has counted sheep and has got as high as ten thousand knows the inefficacy of that one. Shakespeare gave us first the simile of sheep, as knitting up the raveled sleeve of care; scores of poets have craved sleep in verse. It was Banquo who famously cried, "God bless the man who first invented sleep."

And now, none of it is important. Nothing can count about you, needn't read the books. "It doesn't make any difference if you don't go to sleep!"—Providence Journal.

The Speed Of Engines

Railwaymen Claim Streamliners Have Nothing On Old Locomotives

W. L. Clark, in the Windsor Star, says: "When streamlining was starting its vogue, some railway put their engines in the shops and covered them with plates to give the appearance of streamliners. The idea was to create less wind resistance and give greater speed."

Railwaymen say that the scheme may have impressed some persons, but the old locomotives could time up just as much speed without the fancy plates as they could with them. High speed engines could scoot along at speeds getting on to 100 miles per hour and that will make a fast schedule on any railway.

The Diesels go in for streamlining, but the ordinary locomotive pulls the other trains. Railwaymen like utility and they find that type of engine can travel over 1,000 miles without being put into the round-house.

SELECTED RECIPES

TOMATO JELLY

2 cups canned or fresh tomatoes
2 cups boiling water
Few grains cayenne or pepper
2 tablespoons Crown Brand Corn Syrup
4 cup cold water
1½ tablespoons gelatin
1 tablespoon mild vinegar or lemon juice
1 tablespoon onion juice
Method: Heat to boiling tomatoes, salt, cayenne and Crown Brand Corn Syrup. Four cold water in bowl and sprinkle gelatin on top of water. Add to hot mixture and stir until dissolved. Add vinegar and onion juice (extracted by grating onion). Strain, and turn into moulds which have been oiled with Mazola. Chill. When firm, unmould on lettuce and garnish with jelly Mayonnaise. This jelly may be cut in any desired shape and used as a garnish for salads or cold meats. The juice of fresh tomatoes makes a delightful jelled salad. (Six servings).

CORN CROWDER

4 cups diced potatoes
2 cups boiling water
1 tablespoon minced onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 can corn
4 cups scalded milk
Salt and pepper
1 cup Christie's oyster crackers or soup biscuits

Cook potatoes in boiling water until tender, but not soft. Drain out in butter over low flame and add to potatoes. Then add corn and milk and bring to boiling point. Season with salt and crackers. Simmer gently two minutes and serve. Six portions.

The weather station at Colon, Isthmus of Panama records fewer temperatures of 90 degrees than do many Alaskan stations.

RADIO-TELEPHONE FOR SKIERS



This recent picture of Sunshine Lodge, near Banff, in the Canadian Rockies, with 10,000-foot Brewster Rock and the Great Divide in the background, shows the radio-telephone system between the lodge and Banff. The new method of communication promises to be famous than ever. Miss Ina May Hummon, hostess at the lodge, sends her daily messages from the 8,000-foot ski cabin to Bob Johnson at the switch-board in Banff, 16 miles away.

Sir Charles Gordon Urges United Front for Canadians

BANK OF MONTREAL'S 121st ANNUAL MEETING

Bankers Review Economic Situation—Loans Show Increase—Hopeful View of Business Outlook Expressed

Deprecating "parochial squabbles" and sectionalism among Canadians, Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., at the 121st annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal urged his countrymen to "face with a united front the great era to which the finger of destiny now unmistakably is pointing."

In his presidential address, reviewing economic conditions during 1935, Sir Charles dealt particularly with Canada's domestic and international relations in the light of the present world situation. He spoke with deep satisfaction of the amity existing between Canada and the United States, but deplored the voicing of grievances between Canadians in East and West.

"What," he asked, "are our grievances compared with the tragic strains and stresses from which the European nations are suffering?" Saying that any nation in Europe would regard Canada's territory as a "noble empire," he commented regretfully: "Yet we behold the vision of this national domain of ours, in which every man can dwell in peace, and which we are so afraid, by magnifying our growing pains, by countenancing, and even for political purposes fostering, sectional strife and by parochial and provincial views of problems and responsibilities that should be decided on broad national lines."

"Never did we Canadians need to be united among ourselves as we need to be now," he declared, and urged his fellow-countrymen to "relegate our parochial squabbles to their rightful subordinate place."

Cannot Be Suppressed

World Gets News About Inside Events In Any Nation

The recent expulsion of the Rome correspondent of the Chicago Daily News calls attention to the fact that no less than 16 such men have been kicked out of the dictatorship countries within the last couple of years.

No nation like Italy or Germany can really prevent the world from getting a picture of inside events. They couldn't do it if they expelled every foreign news hawk. It couldn't be done in the time of the Great War. As the Ottawa Journal notes, the truth will out. And the more the attempt is made to suppress the truth, the worse for the nation which tries suppression. The cruelties and atrocities against the Jews in Germany could not be properly concealed in a hundred newspaper columns, and yet the world at large has been happening, even if pictures are lacking because of Nazi police vigilance.—St. Catharines Standard.

Who's Who In The National Hockey League

A new 72-page book is just off the press giving all the information on 11 years, managers and coaches in the National Hockey League. In addition, this book contains all the records of interest for years back in the N.H.L. The book is recommended by every Manager on the seven N.H.L. teams. To get a copy simply send one 5-pound Bee Hive Syrup label or two 2-pound labels along with 5c to Lawton's and postage to the St. Lawrence Starch Co. Limited, Port Credit, Ont., along with your name and address and request for Who's Who in the National Hockey League.

Pauson was the first cartoonist of whom there is a record. Aristotle mentioned that Pauson was punished for his caricatures, evidently political in nature, but it is not known whom Pauson satirized.

Business Conditions

Sir Charles, in discussing business in Canada, characterized the past year as "not unsatisfactory, having in view the conditions which have prevailed in other countries."

"Most of our industries," he observed, "have maintained a fair rate of production and although there has been recession in some lines, this has been offset largely in other directions, with the marked activity of mining contributing in increasingly important measure to the welfare of many subsidiary enterprises from coast to coast."

Speaking of the growth of loans, the general manager observed: "This is a highly satisfactory development. While, for either legal or sound banking reasons, some requests for loans cannot be granted, every application is carefully weighed and none is turned aside without good reasons, which we endeavour to convey to the applicant. To be unable to grant a loan may at times lead to misunderstanding, but to make one which is contrary to the basic principles of commercial banking would not be in harmony with our idea of the responsibility which we owe to our depositors."

Has Many Advantages

Radio-Teletype Device Great Aid To Police Force

Michigan State Police hailed the successful test of equipment to send and receive printed messages by radio as a major advance in perfecting crime-fighting machinery.

On a radio-teletype machine, equipment was the first in the United States to be developed to such a degree of efficiency.

Advantages of the new system they listed as follows:

1. Secrecy. Criminals have been known to escape capture because they tuned in on police broadcasts. Under the new system messages can be received only by special equipment tuned to the proper frequency.

2. Speed. Messages can be instantly available to all State Police and sheriff's officers and the system would permit transmission of more complete records as it would avoid the present system of repeating messages to each agency.

3. Simplicity. Every receiver tuned to the central transmitter would instantly turn on when the broadcast started, regardless of whether there was an attendant. The messages would be received in typed form and the central station would automatically turn off the receiver at completion of the message. In this way every station would be assured reception of the message.

4. Space saving. The operator sits at an electrically operated typewriter and types off the message on a tape. The tape is inserted in the transmitter, which is turned on and automatically completes transmission of the message at a rate of about 50 words a minute. At the receiving end the machine turns on automatically and receives the message in type-written words on each tape. The receiving device is small and is readily installed in patrol cars.

Empire Unity

Ardent Imperialist Announces Formation Of League

Theo Feiden, newspaperman and ardent Imperialist, announced formation of the Empire Unity League, designed to maintain a united Empire and to combat "propaganda about the decadence of the Empire."

The league is launching an immediate drive for £100,000 (£40,000) which will be devoted to building up Empire unity and defence and to issue of counter-propaganda on the strength of the Empire.

Mr. Feiden, editor of the Empire Mail and Empire Review, is director general of the league. He says it is aimed chiefly to meet "malicious propaganda" which he charges the totalitarian states are issuing about the decadence of the British Empire and to uphold the principles of democracy.

Japan shipped over 60,000 cases of mandarin oranges to the United States during the last year.

Approximately 4,000 fugitive from justice, in the United States, are detected by fingerprints annually.

PRAIRIE MARKETS CONFERENCE ENDS WINNIPEG SESSION

Winnipeg.—The answer to the agricultural problem of western Canada caused by loss of world markets will probably be found eventually in a combination of restored international trade and controlled production, Premier John Bracken of Manitoba said as the prairie markets conference ended.

The conference, marked by a unanimity of opinion unique in the history of prairie agriculture, according to several speakers, ended without the passing of a resolution. It ended in a great salvo of appreciation of Premier Bracken's effort in arranging the conference to study all the facts of the problem so the full picture might be generally understood.

"Then where do we go from here?" Mr. Bracken asked, providing his own answer with a proposal for a continuing committee on markets and agricultural adjustment, which would be representative of the various interests in the three prairie provinces.

That committee will, in turn, appoint a series of sub-committees to study numerous angles brought before the conference.

"This problem won't be solved by us alone in western Canada," Mr. Bracken said. "We will need national assistance. It will need to be solved on its merits to be done with parliament. These committees will help bring out all the facts."

Hon. D. B. Mullen, Alberta minister of agriculture, assured Mr. Bracken the Alberta government would co-operate to the fullest with any progressive move to aid agriculture.

The conference, attended continuously by about 300 men and women representing a wide variety of interests across the country, spent its final day considering prairie products other than wheat. It heard experts outline the present and prospective condition of the livestock industry, the dairy industry, poultry and fresh water fish.

Eastern criticism of the Dominion-guaranteed price of 80 cents for No. 1 northern wheat at Fort William brought pointed replies from L. W. Brockington, Winnipeg, and Premier Bracken.

"We see frequent references in the press to the wheat subsidy as a 'loss to the Dominion treasury,'" Mr. Brockington said. "If object to this phrase, you don't talk of social services as a loss to the Dominion treasury."

"Perhaps we could estimate the amount of assistance to western farmers under these terms that part in payment of debt; additional purchases from eastern manufacturers; and the amount which would otherwise have had to be paid out in relief."

As a result of the intensely serious scientific study done during the conference, he said he hoped "we can join some day not only in waiting for the harvest but also in welcoming it."

Parachute Landing

Two Air Force Flyers Leap To Safety From Ditch Plane

Cardinal, Ont.—Two Royal Canadian Air Force flyers leaped into the darkness in parachutes from their disabled aeroplane here and landed safely. The plane crashed in a field and burst.

Flying Officer R. M. McKay and his crewman, Corporal T. Wilkinson, of the army co-operation squadron, were making a night training flight from their Ottawa base when the motor of their plane stopped.

The two flyers bailed out as the plane headed for the ground. Neither was injured in the jump. The plane was a two-seater Atlas. Cardinal is on the St. Lawrence river 50 miles south of Ottawa.

Alfonso Rights Restored

General Franco Issues Decree On Behalf Of Former King

Burgos, Spain.—The insurgent government restored full, citizenship rights to former king Alfonso of Spain.

The decree was adopted at a council of ministers over which General Franco presided.

(Last year it was reported Franco might agree to put Alfonso's son, Prince Juan, on the Spanish throne and that Alfonso, who left the throne on April 14, 1931, would not object.)

The law not only restores Alfonso's full legal rights, but also restores him all his personal estates and properties in Spain.

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Italian Military Program

Italy To Spend Millions For Military Program Next Year

Rome.—The Italian government announced it will spend 10,000,000,000 lire, about \$626,000,000 for military purposes in its next budget year. It also announced that Italy has "interests and rights to defend."

The comment of the authoritative Rome newspaper was carried in a column adjacent to that of the editorial writer, Virginia Gayda, in which he challenged French figures on the population of Tunisia, French North African protectorate.

He said French statistics were wrong in representing the French as outnumbering Italians. Gayda said Italians actually far outnumber the French and added this was the fundamental basis of "the Italian right to raise the problem of Tunisia."

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EUROPE'S FUTURE AGAIN IN HANDS OF ADOLF HITLER

London.—After the startling announcement was made that Premier Benito Mussolini intends to continue, possibly by resort to war, his campaign for ceasing of French colonies, high Fascist leaders indicated that it will be up to Hitler to decide what to do.

The second announcement somewhat soothed apprehensive foreign observers who feared that the Italian dictator's statement that he would pursue his course "reluctantly" might mean that he would take immediate measures.

It is indicated that in the face of recently concluded Anglo-French mutual support agreements, the European future lies once more in the hands of the German dictator, under somewhat similar conditions to those that preceded the Munich pact.

It is now debated whether Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain may change his plans to confer with Fascist leaders in Rome and instead go once more to Germany to iron out the new difficulties.

In Berlin, Chancellor Hitler and Hermann Goering, the reich leader, told an assembly of 3,000 highway workers that Germany's fortifications are the strongest in the world and asserted that her demands for colonies "can be satisfied only by action."

Some sources interpreted this as an indication that the dictator may decide to cast his lot with Italy in her demands for more territory.

The reich highway commissioner reveals a building program which would entail construction of 8,075 miles of new roads.

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London.—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared an Italian attack on French Tunisia would be a matter of "grave concern" to Great Britain.

He made the declaration in the House of Commons in answer to a question from Arthur Henderson, Labor.

Mr. Chamberlain again reassured France of Britain's "identity of interest." Mr. Henderson had asked whether "undertakings in respect of the status quo in the Mediterranean as embodied in the British-Italian agreement applied to Tunisia."

Two small boys were burned to death in a small shack in which they were playing at Medicine Hat on Monday.

Mrs. Jack Kerr, of Coalville, will arrive this week end to spend the Yuletide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chappell.

Up to November 16th, this season's export of Canadian apples to the United Kingdom amounted to 999,227 barrels and 1,431,904 boxes.

The customs office at Blairmore will be closed on December 25th and 26th, and on January 1st and 2nd; also on Saturday afternoons.

Great damage was done and about thirty people are homeless as a result of the Bow River going on the rampage in west Calgary on Tuesday.

IN MEMORIAM

SMISTER—In Loving Memory of Spurgeon, who died December 20th, 1935.

"Sweet little darling, light of the home, Looking for someone beckoning comes, Bright as a sunbeam, pure as the dew, Anxiously looking, Mother, for you." Lovingly remembered by Mum and Betty.

It is estimated that no less than ten million trees have been taken from Canadian forests this year to enhance the Yuletide festivities.

Douglas Corrigan, the jockey flier, former \$50-a-week aircraft mechanic, has earned \$75,000 in three months—as much as the president of the United States gets in a year.

It is said that in certain parts of Scotland the superstition still lingers that it is unlucky to be the 13th man to light a cigarette from one match. Well, the Scotch folk should know.

The Blairmore arena was opened for free skating on Sunday night last, when quite a large number of young folk—and older—availed of their first opportunity this season for skating.

Ontario's new chief justice, R. S. Robertson, K.C., has practiced law in Toronto for 44 years. At that he should be almost as well qualified for his new position as is our premier for the attorney-generalship with no law practice.

Pupils of the United church Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas tree in the church auditorium this evening (Friday). A very nice programme of singing, dialogues, etc., has been arranged and all those interested are welcome to attend.

Local and General Items

The Editor will be glad to receive items for this section, regarding visitors entertained, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, showers, presentations, anniversaries, etc. Phone items in to 11 or hand them in at The Enterprise office not later than Thursday evenings.

The press was barred from a divisional conference of Social Crediters at Lacombe.

John Burns, president of Burns & Co., Ltd., recently underwent a minor operation in Florida.

Joe Cardinal has returned from Macleod, where he attended the funeral of his sister on Sunday last.

Don't blame Bible Punching Bill for this weather, please? He had nothing whatever to do with it, for he refuses to co-operate.

Owing to seven degrees of frost, plowing, seeding and threshing operations have been suspended in the Lundbreck and Cowley districts.

Burglars blew the big safe of the Hoyt hardware store at Lethbridge on Sunday morning, getting away with about \$900 in cash and \$900 in cheques.

The marriage of Miss Margaret S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin of Beaver Mines, to Mr. Alexander Barclay, also of Beaver Mines, took place at Pincher Creek on December 9th.

It is said that some of the loot taken from the C. Nicholas' store at Coleman a few weeks ago has been recovered, and that very soon the guilty ones will have been arraigned before the court.

A radical speech warns that every day some upheaval takes place somewhere that portends ultimate and universal convulsion. But the High River, Alberta, Times is not alarmed. "Sufficient unto the day," it declares, "is the upheaval thereof."—Hansover Post.

Miss Catherine MacKenzie, of Skinner's Brook, Nova Scotia, lost two brothers within three weeks. Robert passed away at Calgary and Alex. at Hopewell. She is the only surviving member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacKenzie, of Mount Thon.

A Pictorian, writing to the New Glasgow Free Lance, gives the following figures on imports of coal into Canada through Montreal during the past season from foreign countries: Belgium 26,000, Holland 21,000; Germany 287,000, Indo China 28,000; Morocco 13,000 and Russia 150,000 tons—a total of 390,000 tons.

Davie Duchak has asked to be relieved of duties as coach to the Calgary Stampede, cellar position holders in the senior league, and is being succeeded by E. R. "Rosie" Helmer, formerly of the New York Americans, in the National Hockey League.

Guess you heard the story about a local would-be bird game hunter, who on one of his trips this year returned home with a bird purchased at a meat market, having had no luck hunting. This bird he presented to his wife, and after responding with the usual "congratulations, John," she continued: "Do you know, John, it was a good thing you shot that duck when you did, for it wouldn't have kept another day."

The Sunday evening service at the United church on Sunday last was attended by a greatly increased audience. At the service, the singing was led by a splendid choir of lady voices and the orchestra, under the capable leadership of Mr. J. E. Upton. The Christmas Day programme promises to be extremely interesting, including both morning and evening services, at which the orchestra and both junior and senior choirs will participate. Special seating accommodation is being provided. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Arrol, B.A., will be in charge of both services. As the evening service a cantata will be rendered by the junior choir.

That picture of Mr. Aberhart talking with his mother about his plans clearly shows up the rhinoceros hide on his cranium.

If your head ever starts to swim during the Christmas season, please blame the great onrush of Social Credit dividends.

Miss Joan (Bunt) Linn, nurse-in-training at a Lethbridge hospital, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Robert Livett, president of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America, was in The Pass on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week, conferring with local representatives of the miners and coal companies on matters affecting the new agreement.

The United States' national debt has mounted to the enormous sum of \$40,000,000,000, on which the annual interest is about one billion. If they had Mr. Aberhart there, and his idea could be made workable, all that would be needed to wipe off that debt would be a piece of paper and a partly filled fountain pen. Wonder what school he learned that silly stuff from?

By Wednesday's mail we receive a beautiful fountain pen from Edmonton, as a means, we understand, of making our own Christmas gifts at no cost. But, the authorities up there neglected to enclose a supply of ink, for without ink even dividends are impossible. Anyway, thanks ever so much for the pen—next to the nearest approach to a dividend we have seen.

Christmas turkeys have been selling in the Crows' Nest Pass at prices ranging from 16 to 25 cents a pound. There is no reason why they should ever sell at Christmas time for less than 20 cents, unless the market is absolutely glutted. The question is justly asked: what does the producer—the farmer—get out of it? In many cases he is helping to finance the Christmas dinner.

Lethbridge Maple Leafs held the Calgary Stampede (cellar champs) down to a 2-2 draw on Saturday night at Calgary. Pictures of a feminine squad in action are said to have been responsible.

A Christmas card of the Scotch variety has been forwarded to the balance of the fish in the Elk river by a local company composed of Bartlett, Duncan, Rinaldi, Dow and Congdon.

A survey of 105 Calgary homes definitely proved that the life of present-day radio tubes is shorter than they were ten years ago. It is claimed that the price of Canadian-made radio tubes was controlled and fixed by Theronics Limited, Canadian radio tube patent pool.

Local stores have practically all taken on a Christmas appearance. The Enterprise, so extremely busy at this time, has not had the opportunity to enter in the decorative spirit, but to the best of our ability will do so tomorrow. Keep other spirits away, please!

Some of the would-be Social Crediters in Ontario are debating as to whether they should be satisfied with the \$25, or \$50, or \$75 a month as is "being paid" in Alberta, or make it something really worth while, say \$500 a month.

Pants were made for men, and not for women. Women were made for men, and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman, and a woman pants for a man, it makes a pair of pants. There has been much discussion recently as to whether pants is singular or plural. It seems to us that if a man wears pants, that's plural; but if he doesn't wear pants, that's singular. If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first.—Jan.

A teacher asked her class to write three sentences, each to contain a word starting with the letter "f," and mention some famous character. After a while, Willie's hand was up. "Yes, Willie," responded the teacher, "what is it?" "Jack Dempsey fought his way to fame," came the first, and "Colonel Lindberg flew his way to fame." "Yes, Willie, and what is the third sentence?" Willie scratched his head and asked: "Teacher, what's the name of the daddy of the quintuplets?" "Dionne," replied the teacher. "Well, he forgot his way to fame!"

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By Jessie Sinclair and Sydney May

"Ring right merrily, Christmas bells
Your song of Peace—ah—how it
swells . . ."

BUT, is there Peace, ye bells,
While hungry children weep
And men forge deadlier swords
A tryst with Mars to keep?

Oh, is there Peace, ye bells,
While women look around
With eyes that dread the dawn . . .
And pray to God?

And, is there Peace, ye bells,
While Jewry dreads its fate
Crushed 'neath the heel
Of Christian hate?

Can there be Peace, ye bells,
While war-mad men prevail
And lust of blood and death
All liberty assail?

There is no Peace, ye bells,
The world by war is shocked
And your glad song of Peace
By Mars is mocked.

There SHALL be Peace, ye bells,
When we who hear your voice
Heed well the tale it tells
And in the Christ rejoice!

IT'S IN YOUR FACE

You don't have to tell how you live
each day;
You don't have to say if you work
or you play;
A tried, true barometer serves in the
place.
However you live—it will show in
your face.
The false, the deceit that you bear in
your heart,
Will not stay inside where it first got
a start,
For sinew and blood are a thin veil
of lace;
What you wear in your heart, you
wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others
you live;
For it's not what you get, but how
much you can give;
If you live close to God in His infi-
nite grace,
You don't have to tell it—it shows in
your face.

It was no shallow optimist, but so
wise and thoughtful a man as Mon-
taigne who wrote: "There is no great-
er evidence of wisdom than a contin-
ual cheerfulness." No one ever cross-
ed the street to get rid of meeting
old friends the Brothers Chery-
ble. Even four-footed animals know
the difference between Mr. Growl-at-
Everything and his neighbor, Mr.
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New Year

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GERMAN TRAINING FOR CANADIAN-BORN CHILDREN

According to information coming
to The Tribune this week from what
we consider a reliable source, we un-
derstand that certain families of
German origin in this district have
recently been approached by a man
who is urging them to send some
of their children to Germany to take
a course in some sort of technical
education. Our information is some-
what sketchy as to the details of the
scheme of technical training to be
provided these young Canadians in
Germany, also we do not know if the
gentleman in question is a member
of the Nazi party of Herr Hitler.

However, our information would
lead color to the belief that while
these young minds are being trained
in certain technical lines they would
also absorb some of the tenets or
Nazism and upon their return to Can-
ada could be counted on to spread
the gospel of "Mein Kampf."

As we have been informed that this
"educational" plan is being investi-
gated by the proper authorities, The
Tribune is offering this friendly
warning to any residents of this dis-
trict, who may have been approached
by those promoting this scheme, that
their boys and girls may not be al-
lowed to return to this country after
receiving their training in Germany.

We believe the great majority of
Canadians of German origin are loy-
al to Canada and would not know-
ingly lend themselves to any move-
ment intended to spread Nazi propa-
ganda in this country.—Trochu Tri-
bune.

The man who gives in when he is
wrong is wise — and the man who
gives in when he is right is married.

The difference between a pretty
girl and an old maid is that the girl
always has a lot of men in her wake,
while the old maid only has them in
her sleep.

AN URGENT QUESTION

Important declarations have been
made by leaders of all three political
parties in Canada, regarding the
question of Canada's railways; all
three seem to be of the one opinion
and that is, to allow the railway
problem to slide in the hopes that it
may some day slide into a hole where
a solution to the great problem may
be found. In the meantime the tax-
payers of Canada have to provide
about \$1,000,000 each week of each
year to meet the deficit of the rail-
ways owned by the people of Canada.
At this price it is an expensive toy we
are playing with. There has been
only one really constructive sugges-
tion made to solve this big problem,
and that has been made and re-made
time and time again by Sir Edward
Beatty, president of the Canadian Pa-
cific Railway Co., Of course, the Dis-
patch is aware that there are many
people in Canada who, like the Win-
nipeg Free Press, see red when Sir
Edward Beatty mentions this subject;
however, this distinguished Canadian
has been fearless in his advocacy of
his solution and it would appear a
fit and proper that the question be
submitted to the electors of Canada
by way of a plebiscite. The reason
Canada has such a problem on its
hands today is due to the loose man-
agement this railway business was
given when the public exchequer was
being drained many years ago. A
plebiscite will secure the public op-
inion without resort to political influ-
ence.—Alameda Dispatch.

A comedian stopped a newboy, who
was vigorously plying his trade. "I
say, sonny, d'you want a new job?"
he asked.

"Don't mind, sir; what is it?" re-
plied the boy.
"Well, my manager is looking for
a lad like you to play the fool."
"Oh, he is, is he? What's his idea
—to fire you, or to keep two of us?"

A. V. Lang started in business at
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End of the Trail

I MUST travel the miles 'till the
journey is done,
Whatever the turns of the way.
I shall bring up at last at the set of
the sun,
And shall rest at the close of the
day.

Let me deal as I journey with foe and
friend

In a way that no man can assail,
And find nothing but peace at the
roadway's last bend,
When I come to the end of the
trail.

We are brothers who travel a great,
common road,
And the journey is easy for none.
We must succor the weary and lift
off the load
Of the pilgrim whose courage is
done.

Let me deal with them each on my
way to the west
With a mercy that never shall fail,
And lie down to my dreams with a
conscience at rest
When I come to the end of the trail.

JUST BOOST A BIT

Here, you discontented knocker,
Growlin' 'bout the country's ills;
Chloroform yer dismal clatter,
Take a course o' liver pills.

Stop yer dum ki-o-tee howlin';
Chaw some sand an' git some grit,
Don't sit in the dumps a growlin',
Jump the roost an' boost a bit.

Fall in! while the band's a playin'
Ketch the step an' march along,
Drop yer hammer—do some routin'—
Jine the hallelujah song.

'Stead o' pessimistic ravin',
Grab a horn, you cuss, and spit
Every echo with yer tootin'—
Jump the roost and boost a bit!
—The Battering Ram.

Twenty-five years ago, A. E. Fer-
guson installed a furnace in the re-
sidence of George Cody at Fernie.

We were called a name we couldn't
live up to on Friday last, but we
knew better than resort to such small
stuff as the fists.

Each Day Reminds us that to you belongs the
Thanks for our Merry Christmas

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To the People of The Pass and Outlying
District, I wish to extend my heart-
iest wishes for Christmas and the
New Year. May the very best that
life can offer be yours.

Ernest G. Hansell, M.P.

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for Christmas and the Coming
Year to all

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Local and General Items

A branch of the Overwaitea Stores
is locating in Cranbrook.

George says he would gladly sup-
port any move towards birth control.

Alberta today is claimed to be much
too large for its present brand of ad-
ministration.

As soon as gentlemen who are
gentlemen enter a girl's room they
take off their hats and coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Baird, newly-
weds, of Vancouver, are visiting for
a few days with the former's parents
here, Mr. and Mrs. John Baird.

To remove air from a flask, fill the
flask with water, tip the water out
and put the cork in quick. It's also
easy to remove liquor from a flask.

A Seattle woman of 73 has been
sentenced to life imprisonment for
confessed murder of a ten-year-old
boy.

Canada's prime minister, William
Lyon Mackenzie King, celebrated his
sixty-fourth birthday on December
the 17th.

A scientist says it is the lower
part of the face, not the eyes, that
gives away one's thoughts. Especially
when one opens the lower part of the
face.

Trail Smoke Eaters, world's cham-
pion hockey team, were sadly disap-
pointed when they couldn't find a
sheet of ice on the Atlantic on which
to practice.

An editor of an Alberta newspaper
claims he can prove that Premier Ab-
erhart of Alberta was in Ottawa re-
cently, but he wouldn't publish the
fact, fearing it might be "denied."

Down in New York it has been de-
cided that pants and aprons on rail-
way engines must go. Suggests, by
the way, that it is time the unsightly
apron should disappear from a motor
car.

Thirty-two years ago Fred Henson
opened a butcher shop in the old Ber-
nard place here. Fred is now located
at 777 Homer Street, Vancouver, and
is a steady subscriber to The Enter-
prise.

Two applications are being made
to the Alberta Liquor Control Board
for beer license in respect of the Ox-
ford hotel at High River, Dave Iafola
and Messrs. James Hartley, Donald
L. Hardy and Robert Roberts.

Captain Angus Walters, skipper on
the famous Nova Scotia fishing
schooner Bluenose, is listed among
the latest victims of hymen. His
marriage to Mildred Butler, 28-year-
old Halifax girl, took place at Hall
fax on December 15th.

One of the best Christmas edition-
we have seen so far this year is The
War Cry, official publication of the
Salvation Army. It has 24 pages
printed on good book paper in green
ink and with many of the illustra-
tions in color. The War Cry had at
humble beginning at Whitechapel
the place of the Army's birth in Lon-
don, England, at the close of 1879
and was produced with machinery
that was extremely crude. Since then,
however, it has climbed gradually to
the high position in the journalistic
field it holds today.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, 25th
December, special services will be
held in Central United church, Blair-
more. At eleven o'clock in the morn-
ing, instead of the senior Sunday
school, a service will be held in the
church to which all are invited.
Christmas cards will be a feature of
this service and the orchestra will
be in attendance. At the evening
service, seven-thirty o'clock, both
choirs will be present, when appropri-
ate anthems will be rendered by the
senior choir, and a "Cantata" by the
junior choir. A warm welcome to
both these services is extended to all.

W. E. Duthie has been elected ex-
alted ruler of the Elks at Fernie.

Mayor T. M. Roberts has been re-
elected by acclamation at Cranbrook.

An olive has been chosen head of
the Alberta credit house scheme.
Should have been a lemon.

"Ted" Passmore is now with the
department of transport telegraphs
division at Grand Forks, B.C.

At a sewing meeting of the Ladies'
Aid recently, one woman remarked
that she wasn't superstitious.

Miss Milda Bond and her cousin,
Ed. Bond, of Calgary, will be Christ-
mas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George
Bond here.

The season for shooting elk in
Southern Alberta, Pincher Creek
area, has been extended to January
14th, 1939.

Constable J. Simson, R.C.M.P., is
down from Lomond to spend Christ-
mas with Mrs. Simpson and her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tompkins.

Mr. Ronald MacDonald, of the staff
of the Royal Bank at Calgary, is a
Christmas holiday visitor here with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Angus
MacDonald.

About ten thousand ducks which
did not migrate south this fall, ow-
ing to the exceptionally mild wea-
ther, are to be fed by Ducks Unlim-
ited near Edmonton.

Alberta cows have been notified
that tail light licenses will not be im-
posed during 1939. Well, if every
other creature in the province must
pay a license or taxes, why not the
cows?

Joe suggests that if Mr. Aberhart
would cut assembly membership in
half, and the number of civil servants
in half, the rest of the people in Al-
berta would stand a chance of receiv-
ing a dividend.

An accident similar to that at the
Sydney Mines occurred at Glace Bay
in 1927, but there was no loss of life.
They had a runaway in No. 2 mine,
but the cars were equipped with safety
brakes and stopped.

Wednesday, December 14th, was
the birthday of our Sovereign Lord,
King George VI., but because this
natal day falls in December, the peo-
ple of the British Empire transfer the
celebration until some time in June.
Canada, however, has decided to ob-
serve the royal birthday next May,
when the King and Queen intend vi-
siting the Dominion.

The remains of Miss Alice Car-
dinal, who died in Calgary, were laid
to rest at Macleod on Sunday after-
noon, following service held at Trin-
ity United church, of which she was
a member. Rev. A. E. Larkie officiated.
She is survived by her parents and
two brothers, Joseph, of Cole-
man, and Robert, of Toronto, both of
whom were present. Deceased was a
granddaughter of the first white man
to turn soil in Western Canada, the
late William Lee, of Burma district.
She attended school there, later moving
to Blairmore, moving again to
Macleod three years ago.

But one foreign name appeared in
the list of victims of the mine disaster
at Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, out
of a total of twenty-two. Widows or
victims of the disaster will receive
not less than \$30 per month, indefi-
nitely, and for each child under 16
years of age an additional amount of
\$7.50 monthly. The total amount paid
to each family, however, will not ex-
ceed \$60 a month. Likewise, depend-
ents of single miners killed will be
sared for. Men permanently disabled
will receive two-thirds of their an-
nual earnings, computed on a basis
of earnings during the past twelve
months, with a maximum of \$1,500.
A disaster fund of \$400,000 is also
available.

May Your New Year be Brighter
and this Christmas a Cheery one

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This Christmas

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again, we remain as good friends as
we have been in the past

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Best Wishes are Extended for a Very Merry
Christmas this year and a most Happy
Time during 1939.

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Blairmore

To Friends and Citizens of the Crows'
Nest Pass
May this Christmas bring you all happiness
and may the New Year bring
Prosperity

E. O. Duke, M.L.A.

Rocky Mountain Constituency
Canmore, Alberta



Heartiest Greetings of the Festive Season
— to our —
Numerous Friends in The Pass

West Canadian Collieries, Limited
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA

The Tradition of Christmas Feasting

CUSTOMS HAVE CHANGED SINCE DAYS OF DICKENS
BUT THERE IS STILL GOOD CHEER

THERE are whispers going around, writes Clair Price, to the effect that Christmas, at least for the adults, is not what it once was. Nowadays, they say, there is never so much snow on the ground as there used to be and never so much crimson in the sunset and never so many berries on the holly—excepting, of course, the synthetic Christmas trees of the big hotels and restaurants, where everything is made to order by experts. As for the Christmas turkey and cranberries, and the plum pudding with the sprig of holly in the top of it and the mysterious blue flame playing round it, these are all in the proper tradition. But what of the modest scale on which they are consumed by this urban and sedentary generation?

What if Mr. Pickwick could emerge from the greatcoat, shawls and comforters of the Muggleton coach and join us this year, bringing his codfish and oyster barrels with him? "Ah! Ah!" said Mr. Pickwick. "Ah!" said the fat boy. But what would the old gentleman think of us on closer acquaintance?

Would our dyspeptic appetites grieve him? Would it dismay him to find us resorting to salted almonds to whet our feeble thirsts? Christmas to him was a feast of sheer abundance which lit up the darkest and bleakest month of the year, a day of colossal appetites and gigantic thirsts, with "a five-and-twenty-mile walk to get rid of the effects of the wine," followed by more eating and drinking and dancing and story-telling, and so to supper.

Truly, to every generation its own Christmas. The beautiful Bethlehem story, which gives the great festival its ecclesiastical name and dream, has never changed and never can change. But all the rest is change, and never a more whirling kaleidoscope of change than during the dizzy century since Mr. Pickwick and his friends took the Muggleton coach to Dingley Dell.

Pickwickian Tradition

The Pickwickian tradition of Christmas feasting fell naturally into the rhythms of rustic life. Farm work declines in the dead of Winter, and there was every reason why a generation of red-nosed countrymen, muffled to the ears against the cold, should devote the mid-winter of the year to a feast of gargantuan eating and drinking, with plenty of green holly in token of the continuing vitality of nature.

But even in Mr. Pickwick's time the English towns were growing and country life was declining. The towns have continued to grow—and not only the English towns. More of us are townsmen to-day than ever before, and town life knows no midwinter interlude. If this were a strictly logical world, the Society for the Suppression of Christmas might easily have had a chance; but since it is illogicality which helps to keep humanity sweet, the modern townsmen continues to honor the old rustic tradition of Pickwickian feasting. Frequently, no doubt, he honors it more in the breach than in the observance, but still a second helping of mince pie is a reasonably good test of urban digestion.

Christmas, indeed, is a very curious blending of two ancient traditions—an austere ecclesiastical tradition and a pagan tradition of feasting which was anything but austere—and the story of Christmas-keeping was for many centuries a story of the constant warring of these two discordant traditions. To the ecclesiastical authorities feasting on such a day was positively irreverent. But to the rude Saxons and Scandinavians who seem to have been among the earliest of the Christmas-keeping peoples midwinter was a time for Bacchanalian feasting and shouting and gaming, and none of the early missionaries succeeded for long in suppressing these heathen devices.

It seems to have been Mr. Pickwick who imported the Christmas feasting of the Saxons into England (though not into Scotland), and since then the English-speaking peoples (but not the Scots) have been as confirmed Christmas-keepers as any of them. The thrifty Presbyterian Scots prefer New Year's Day, which has no ecclesiastical tradition. But note how harmoniously the two traditions have settled down throughout the rest of the English-speaking world. We go to church on Christmas morning, then home to the Christmas turkey.

Good Cheer

True, we no longer pretend to drain flagons of mead in honor of Woden and Thor, as the skin-clad warriors did in their forests along the Danube and the Baltic. Measured by their heroic standards, our feasting today is insignificant. But if the impression has been given that we no longer value good food on Christmas Day, let it be corrected here and now. The good cheer that goes into hundreds of thousands of poor homes at Christmas-time takes the form of hamper of Christmas fare—sufficient evidence of the high regard in which we hold the tradition of the well-laden Christmas dinner table.

And this brings up another aspect of the great festival. Probably we are greater epicures than ever to-day, for we have a vastly richer variety of good things to choose from—turkeys, geese, hams, wines, cheese, carving, truffles, smoked salmon, pate de foie gras—very greedy

seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Darwin might easily have pointed out that Christmas in those days made for the survival of the fittest.

The peacock, as a Christmas dish, seems to carry with it a memory of the days when knight-hood was in flower. It is the kind of bird that would add distinction to the Christmas table of the House of Lords, if the lords had no tables of their own at which to dine on Christmas Day. It was prepared by dicing it of its lordly plumage, the dicing being done by carefully removing the skin with all the plumage adhering. The naked bird then disappeared into the oven to be roasted. This process completed, it was stuffed with spices and basted with the yolks of eggs, and a rich mutton gravy, containing the goodness of a whole sheep, was made ready. The fowl was then sewn up in its plumaged skin, even to its beak, and arranged on a golden dish with



...For the Holiday Feast...

If you have not made your Christmas cakes before, do so at once. Home-made cakes, if properly cooked, are delicious. Rich fruit cakes improve by keeping; and so they can be kept for a special treat all through the winter and if they still last, even through the summer. Prepare the tin and oven. Have good tins, grease them well with lard, and line them carefully with several thicknesses of well-greased paper; and if using a gas oven, light it half an hour before putting

icing The Cake

Later it may be frosted with a delicious Almond Paste, over which a topping of Royal Icing is spread. To make the almond paste, you will require six ounces each of ground almonds and white sugar, half teaspoonful each of vanilla and almond essence, and sufficient unbeaten egg to bind the mixture. Place the ground almonds, sugar, and essence in a basin, add the egg or eggs, which must not be beaten, and pound and smooth coat the sides of the cake. Decorate with more icing, put through a forcier.

Decorating a Cake

One can easily buy little ornaments at the shop, tiny figures of Father Christmas, snow babies, reindeer, sleighs, bells, trees, robins, and so on, and they make very effective decorations. Small apples, oranges, cherries, strawberries, and holly berries may be moulded from marzipan and colored with any vegetable color desired. Almonds blanched and chopped or shredded, cut into strips, halves or slices, make a good decoration, especially if they are browned in the oven after shredding them. Walnuts are generally used whole or halved. Pistachio nuts are very pretty either chopped or shredded. Angelica makes leaves, stems, and various conventional decorations.

Cut some oranges in half, scoop out the pulp and keep for orangeade. Then fill the halves with orange jelly. When set, decorate with crystallized orange slices, or blanched almonds, and make handles of angelica.

Little Mince Pies

Any favorite mince-meat filling may be used for making individual mince pies for the Christmas treat, and if they are not too large or have not too rich a crust they will not upset the children. The following is an economical pastry, which is not too rich. For the pastry you will need, for every pound of flour, three ounces of vegetable shortening and three ounces of lard. Sieve the flour and put in a basin with a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of baking powder. Cut the shortening in pieces, squeezing over it a sprinkling of lemon juice. Then rub the shortening into the flour until it is like bread-crumbs. Take a little water and mix the flour and fat to a very stiff paste. Work it well together with the tips of the fingers, then turn on to a floured board and roll out. Cut the lard into four and spread a portion over the dough, flour, and roll up. Roll out the dough and repeat the process until all the lard is used up. Place a spoonful of mince-meat on the bottom crust, cover with pastry, trim the edges, and prick the top to let out the steam.

ONE CHRISTMAS EVE!

One Christmas Eve old Santa's sleigh
Got stuck right in the snow,
And what to do with his big pack
The good saint didn't know;
The reindeer pulled with all their might,
And, suddenly, the sleigh
Began to move and, filled with joy,
The good man rode away.



THE HAPPINESS OF CHRISTMAS

some of the shop windows are looking just now! But where are the really old dishes on which the Christmas tradition of good food was founded? Where are the boar's heads, the peacocks, the cygnets (somebody once said they tasted "like hare that has been fed on fish"), and where are the stately old ceremonies which surrounded them before the white-bellied turkey swept them off the world's Christmas tables? And where are the wasal bowls?

Fittest Survived

Probably there are families in England who still pass round the wasal bowl while their assembled guests are singing and telling stories in front of the blazing Yule log. The method of preparing it seems to vary, but the potency of this emblem of Christmas joviality seems to be indicated by the fact that women content themselves with kissing the bowl. The recipe which was most widely popular down to the eighteenth century ran on this wise:

Mix warm ale with cream which has been boiled with cloves and has had the yolks of eggs beaten and stirred into it; add sops of bread and pour sugar and thick cream into the mixture; stick blanched almonds into it and add cinnamon, ginger and sugar.

Thus the so-called "lamb's wool" of the

its head at one end and its magnificent tail feathers at the other. The highest noblewoman present had the honor of bringing in this dish to the strains of appropriate music. In this still, early it seems now to be extinct in England.

Boar's Head

But the Christmas boar's head is not extinct, though the wild boar himself has not been known in a wild state in England probably since the reign of Charles II. Where the Worshipful Company of Cutlers and Queen's College at Oxford get their boar's heads to-day, nobody seems to know. There are wild boar in the Ardennes in Belgium, and it may be they come from there. But the Boar's Head carol with which the great dish is borne in, both at Cutlers' Hall in London and at Oxford, is thoroughly English, and indeed the boar's head itself is one of the oldest of festive English dishes. As long ago as 1170, when Prince Henry, son of Henry II, was crowned, the boar's head was served "with trumpets blowing before it, according to the ancient manner."

That was something more than seven centuries ago, and seven centuries is a brief span in the story of the boar's head. That story has been carried back as far as recorded history goes, back to the Scandinavian Yule feast in midwinter at which the wild boar was the traditional sacrifice.

ing the cake in. When the mixture is ready, place the tins on a baking tin lined with sand or salt, and bake in a moderate oven, but it should be fairly hot at first.

Here is a good recipe for a Christmas cake, writes E. A. Brerley. Ingredients: three-quarter pound flour, one-half pound currants, four ounces sultanas, one-half pound raisins, one-half pound white sugar, one-half pound butter, four ounces mixed peel, one tablespoonful mixed spice, a little allspice, five eggs, two ounces almonds. Clean the fruit, stone the raisins, shred the peel, and pass the flour through a sieve. Blanch the almonds and cut them into slices. Cream the butter and sugar together well, add the eggs, one at a time. Stir in the fruit, flour, and spice, peel, and almonds, and mix thoroughly. Put into a cake tin, lined with double paper, and bake in a moderately hot oven for about three to four hours. Don't open the oven door until the cake has been baking for a couple of hours. Then, if you find the top is browning too quickly and the rest of the cake uncooked, cover it with a piece of greased paper. Test to see if it is done by running a warmed skewer into the centre. If it comes out clean the cake is done. When baked, turn the cake out carefully and leave on a rack to cool.

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Christmas Essentially the Day of the Child

DECEMBER the 25th is the Day of the Child. It is upon this day of days that countless men and women and little ones barely able to speak their language utter the great rejoicing: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given!

Even those who hold creeds in which there is no Christmas feel the splendor of that cry, and those who have no formal creed at all, still know there is one of the best portions of the year, which is essentially the Day of the Child.

It is the day when even the most unselfish adult, long since congealed and hardened by the years, can hear in his heart the footsteps of the little ones. Today they are running, about so eagerly all over the world pattering to see what good gifts may have been received, ardent with a hope that only young hearts can feel.

On this day the austere scientist who has almost quit believing in the very laws of astronomy which recently seemed so sure and stable, but which now seem dissolving in a mist of relativity—this careful professional skeptic becomes as a child himself, and considers it hard indeed if he cannot believe in Santa Claus, bearded fairly godfather of the children.

On this day even those who have been the most careless feel like saying over reverently that beautiful prayer for wisdom in the rearing of children:

"Almighty God, heavenly Father, who hast blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report."

For on this Day of the Child we all remember that the most precious gift we can bestow upon our children is a capacity for feeling just such tender and generous and helpful emotions as today stir in the breasts of all good men and women.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Wreaths, Garlands Gay Shout "Merry Christmas!"

WHAT a joy it is to come into a home scented with spicy pine and hemlock, so suggestive of Yuletide that each room fairly shouts "Merry Christmas!" And what a real pleasure, too, to gather the greens and dispose them so that they express all the kindness of the blessed season, intensifying the delights of the "friendliest" period of the year!

As garlands, the various types of greens may decorate windows and doors, or they may be massed on mantels or tables.

To make a flexible rope of greenery, supply a foundation of heavy twine and to this attach the short sprays of pine, hemlock or spruce. In juxtaposition regularly with clusters of laurel; or for a more decorative effect use the artificial berries with the greens. Fine flexible wire is best for fastening the sprays in place.

Another use for greens is in the formation of window wreaths. Arrange the small sprays on a heavy wire foundation, taking care to keep the wreath symmetrical. Small groups of red berries, regularly placed, give character to such a decoration.

"A Merry Christmas," as Other Nations Say It

THIS is how the nations of the world express the wish "A Merry Christmas": France, Bon Noel; China, Tin Hao Xian; Portugal, Boas Festas; Japan, Kinga Shinnen; Turkey, Ichok Yilari; Hungary, Boldog Karacsony! Unipkelet; Greece, Chrysoyeni; Croatia, Sretan Bozic; Holland, Een Vrolijk Kerstma; Spain, Felices Pascuas; Germany, Froehliche Weihnachten; Sweden, Glad Julen; Italy, Felice Natale; Rumania, Craciun Felicitatune; Bohemia, Vesela Vanoce; Poland, Wesołych Swiat; Denmark, Glædelig Jul.



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